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Head of wiretap case being investigated

RAINE MARCUS

JUSTICE Ministry sources said yesterday a probe is under way into allegations that Chief Supt. Zion Sasson, in charge of the team investigating the media wiretapping case, leaked details of the investigation to suspects in the case.

The Justice Ministry refused to comment, but a senior officer said police are waiting until the end of the investigation before examining allegations Sasson leaked sensitive details to suspects connected to Ma'ariv. A source said recently Ma'ariv's Ofer Nimrodi was informed of details of the case by an intermediary and police are examining the allegations.

The Justice Ministry's police investigations department yesterday confirmed it is probing alleged illegal activities of two other officers in the squad investigating the wiretapping case.

The two, Chief Supt. Shimon Gal and Supt. Ezra Mevurah, are suspected of using information acquired by illegal wiretapping. They were originally involved in the wiretapping investigation, but after their superiors suspected them of illegal activities they were taken off the case. At present, they are on a study program.

The Justice Ministry refused to confirm or deny whether they are also suspected of disrupting the investigation.

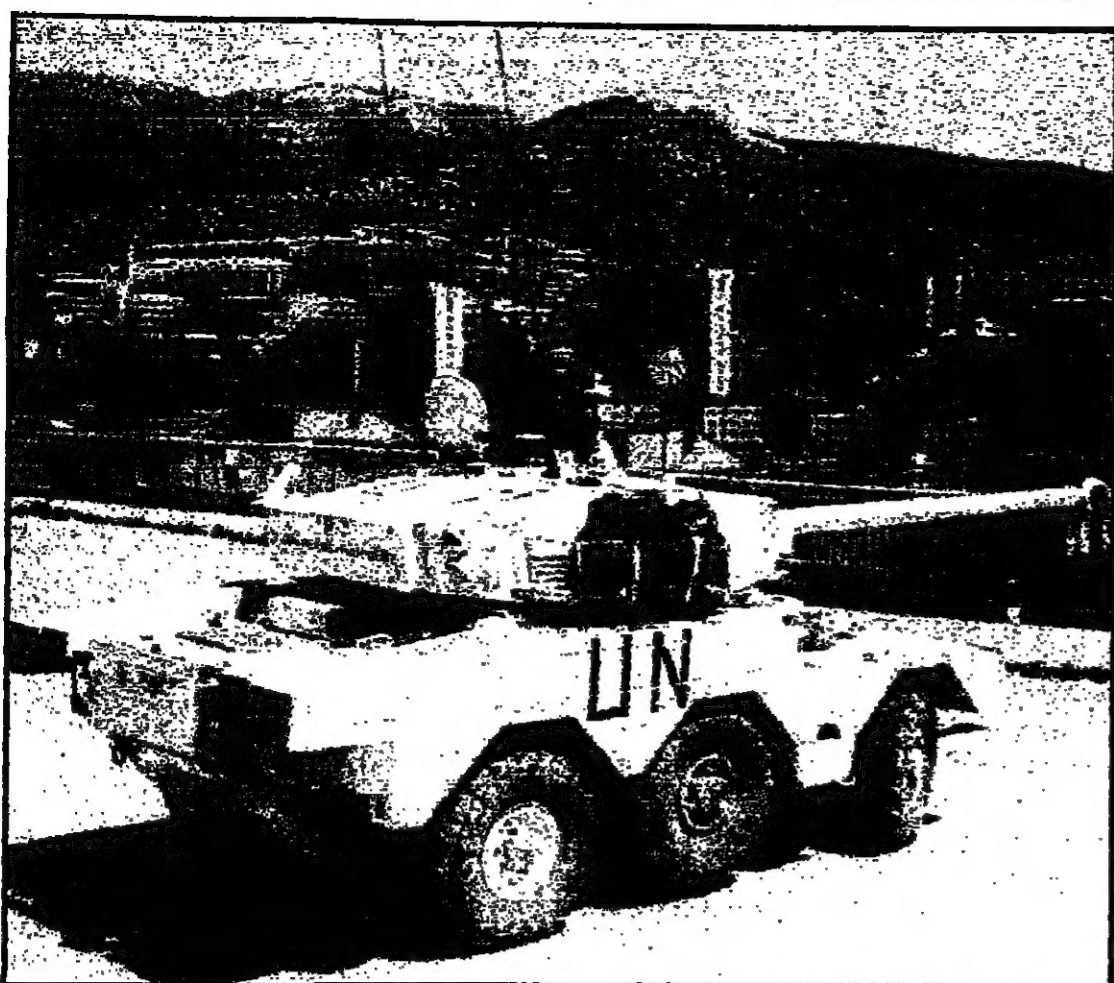
Meanwhile, following the arrest Wednesday evening and three-day remand of private investigator Ya'acov Barda, members of MK Avigdor Kahalani's 1993 municipal campaign headquarters are expected to be summoned for questioning shortly. According to police evidence, Barda allegedly commissioned private investigators Rafi Friedan and Ya'acov Tsur (who turned state's witness three and a half months ago) to tap Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo's phone. Barda, according to police sources, was commissioned by people working for Kahalani to spy on Milo during the 1993 campaign.

Kahalani has in the past denied all connection to wiretapping offenses, but said he employed the services of a private investigator to examine his own phone and car, to ensure he was not being bugged. He said he could not remember the name of the private investigator he hired.

During Barda's remand hearing, police said Friedan told investigators that Barda had given Ha'aretz reporter Reuven Shapira a tape of Milo's phone conversations. Shapira, Friedan told police, used information on the tape for an article he wrote about Milo.

Shapira, who has not yet been summoned for questioning, denied all allegations, saying Friedan's complaint was a "vicious and false attempt to besmirch his and the daily's name."

Sources said that around eight months ago, Friedan and others had threatened to "settle scores" with Shapira for what they described as his "tendentious reporting" in the wiretapping case.



A UN armored vehicle waits above Sarajevo yesterday before NATO planes hit Serb forces. (Reuters)

NATO strikes Bosnian Serbs; commander ready to hit again

NAPLES, Italy (Reuters) - Six NATO warplanes pounded two Bosnian Serb ammunition bunkers yesterday in the first alliance air strike for six months and the commander of the operation said he was ready to go back if needed.

US Admiral Leighton Smith, commander of NATO forces in Southern Europe, said alliance aircraft were available "24 hours a day" to respond to any United Nations request for action.

He told a news briefing at his headquarters in Naples, Italy, that he hoped yesterday's strike would be the alliance's last but added:

"We have not yet relaxed our guard and don't intend to."

He said NATO's readiness applied to UN requests to respond

to any failure by Bosnia's warring parties to remove heavy weapons from around the capital Sarajevo and to any Bosnian Serb retaliation against UN peacekeepers for yesterday's raid.

The air strike, NATO's first in Bosnia since last November, was directed against two ammunition bunkers four kilometers south-east of the Bosnian Serb stronghold of Pale, Smith said.

It was staged four hours after the Bosnian Serb army ignored a UN ultimatum to surrender by noon four heavy weapons they had seized from UN custody during heavy fighting in Sarajevo this week.

Smith said six NATO warplanes had dropped 11 1,000- and 2,000-pound bombs on their targets before returning safely to bases in

Italy. Secondary explosions from one target indicated ammunition had been hit, Smith said.

He declined to identify the countries involved in the multinational operation, citing security considerations for UN peacekeepers on the ground from contributing nations.

A second UN Protection Force (UNPROFOR) ultimatum to Bosnian Serb and government forces to remove all heavy weapons from inside a 20 kilometer exclusion zone around Sarajevo or surrender them to the UN expires at noon today.

Peres: Keeping Golan means giving up peace

DAVID MAKOVSKY

FOREIGN Minister Shimon Peres yesterday came closer than ever before to stating publicly that Israel must withdraw fully from the Golan Heights in return for peace.

"The price [of peace] is the same price we paid with Egypt," Peres told the Labor Party bureau, as Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin sat alongside him. "It does not necessarily have to be identical. The Likud set a precedent on Egypt, and it is impossible to run away from this if one is truthful."

"We have to tell the truth. Staying on the Golan Heights [means] giving up peace. Don't sow delusions; there is no Syrian I know who is willing to [accept] less than an Egyptian."

"Nobody," he added, "will forgive anyone of you or us if the children learn one day that it was possible to bring an end to war in the Middle East, and [instead] we

were competing among ourselves in issuing slogans and fled from making tough choices."

Syrian Information Minister Mohammed Salman, like Rabin, welcomed the US-brokered understanding that paved the way for the resumption of security talks between senior officers from each side, but cautioned against excess optimism due to what both called "wide gaps."

PLO and Egyptian officials also welcomed the Israel-Syria understandings.

"Syria welcomes any positive move which helps the peace process," Reuters quoted Salman as saying, but "wide gaps are still there and a lot of work is needed to bridge them."

US officials also counseled caution, noting that the understandings mark the first agreement between Israel and Syria since the 1991 Madrid conference.

In an interview with Army Radio yesterday, Rabin made it clear that Syria has not modified its negotiating position that limited forces zones be the same for both sides.

"Our position was clear," he said. "There is no room for parity and mutuality in this sphere. The Syrians demanded that this be set as a principle, but we were not willing to accept this. In the framework which has been agreed upon, each side may state its position on the issue."

Rabin reiterated that much work on security arrangements lies ahead, since there are many components involved in preventing a surprise Syrian attack. He said security arrangements include "demilitarized zones, areas of reduced forces, early warning procedures, and a presence which will supervise the military appendix of the peace treaty, as we have in Sinai regarding our peace treaty with Egypt."

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Important agreement, but no breakthrough

BACKGROUND

DAVID MAKOVSKY

THE general understandings on security principles reached this week by Israel and Syria are important, but are not a breakthrough. Both sides chose to defer instead of resolve key demands until next month, when senior officers meet to discuss specifics on the all-important issue of security arrangements.

US officials indicate privately that the main value of the agreement will be in helping to change the image of the peace talks among the Israeli public. The focus will shift from Syrian territorial demands to security, the issue Israelis care about the most.

With progress on this issue, other outstanding issues will be easier to resolve. In the mean-

time, officials on all sides admit that differences on security arrangements are very much as they were.

• Limited Forces Zones: Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said yesterday that Damascus did not relinquish its insistence that limited forces zones be equal for both parties, and may raise this issue in the negotiations.

Even if Syria does not bring up parity, differences are likely to bedevil the military negotiators when they meet this month.

If Rabin wants a limited forces

zone that stretches to the outskirts of Damascus, 50 km., 60 km. from the Golan, then Syria—even if not insisting on strict parity—could easily demand something very close to that in the Golan. Rabin recently said it is unacceptable that Syria wants to effectively demilitarize the whole Golan panhandle.

• The 1949 or June 4, 1967 lines: Israel's concept of full Golan withdrawal is to the line of the 1949 armistice agreement, which it calls the "international border." Syria's concept includes areas which it encroached upon over the years leading up to the Six Day War. The Syrian line is within 10 meters of Lake

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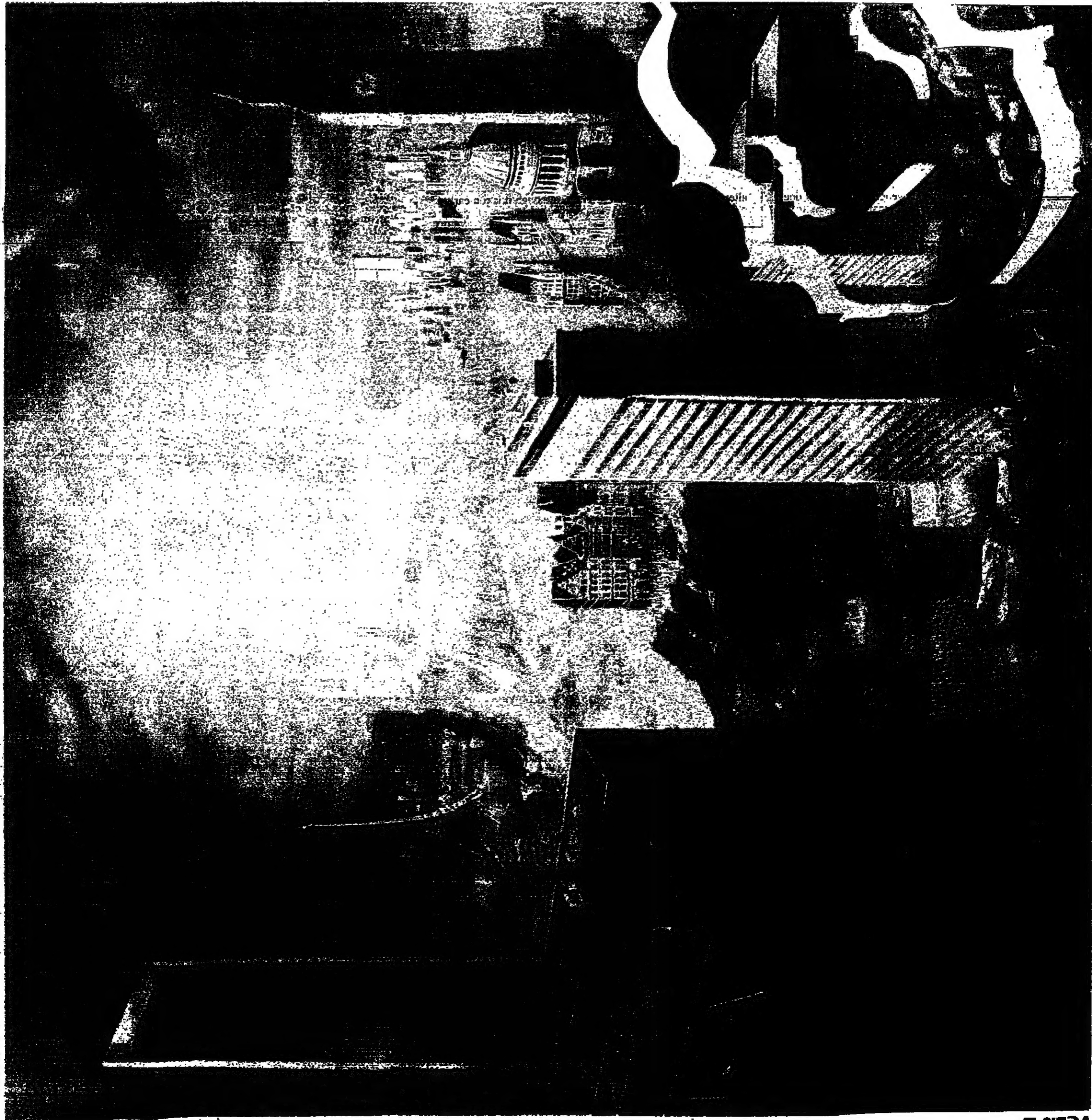
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Beilin forces Labor to review party's commitment to direct election of PM

DEPUTY Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin managed yesterday to get a review of the Labor's commitment to the direct election of the prime minister on the agenda of the party's June 5 convention.

His victory was won in the steering committee preparing the convention's agenda, after most of the members had failed to remain for the vote, including Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, both of whom had delivered rousing speeches on the subject.

"We are in the midst of a crucial phase of the peace process," Rabin said. "Let's not wage unnecessary wars on

minor side issues at the convention. Let's keep our priorities in mind."

Peres who argued that "the convention must not appear to revolve around a squabble between myself and Yitzhak Rabin."

In the end, Beilin surprised everyone with a narrow 30-26 victory.

Beilin and the Peres camp, to which he belongs, vehemently oppose direct election, while Rabin has put his full political weight behind it. Earlier in the week, however, Peres and Rabin declared they would put off a confrontation on the issue

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until the March 1996 party convention.

Nevertheless, Beilin is seen as carrying on the Peres camp's battle. Thus, the eventual expected defeat of the attempt to repeal direct election legislation will be laid at Beilin's doorstep rather than Peres's.

But Beilin insisted that "this is no factional issue. This is a dispute between two different political philosophies. There are those who think our salvation is in an all-powerful prime minister. Others, however, realize that without a system of checks and balances, he will be too powerful. The

parliamentary system and ideological parties will disappear, to be replaced by shallow sloganizing. TV slickness, and instant parties which rise on the eve of elections and then disappear."

Beilin agreed that this is "a victory only in the first round and the battle will get more and more difficult later on."

His first obstacle will be a party rule that requires the central committee to rubber stamp recommendations of the steering committee. While yesterday's decision could be defeated right there, a majority in Labor think the Beilin agenda will survive to the convention floor.

Likud adopts primary system

SARAH HONIG

THE Likud secretariat last night adopted a complex primary system for the election of its next slate of Knesset candidates. By a 48-4 vote, it approved the system party chairman Binyamin Netanyahu favored, but which is hotly opposed by MK David Levy and his faction.

If the sides do not reach a compromise, chances of a walk-out by the Levy camp are now thought to be higher than ever before.

Levy and all of his supporters continued to boycott the secretariat's deliberations, as they have been staying away from all Likud forums since Netanyahu's victory in the 1993 leadership primary.

The secretariat's recommendations now go to Netanyahu, who will pass them on to the central committee for approval. The Levy side has not agreed to the committee's convening, and Netanyahu is likely to unilaterally call it into session on June 5.

The controversy between Levy and the rest of the party involves the election of that part of the list which is to be chosen in nationwide primaries. Secretariat chairman MK Yehoshua Matza said that the first to the 22nd slots would be elected in the nationwide vote. Slots 23-34 will be chosen in 10 regional primaries, and slots 35-50 will be filled by winners of national contests.

Scattered in between will be reserved slots. Four women are to be placed up to slot 36, as is a minority group member and a new immigrant. Slot 31 will go to a candidate under 35.

In the nationwide primaries, voters will only mark the names of candidates for 80 percent of the slots contested, to make sure that a winner-take-all situation is not created.

Levy wants only 60 percent of the slots marked, but Matza argues that "this is sure to revive the internal Likud factions with a vengeance. As is, we have gone far beyond what we intended so



Chairman MK Yehoshua Matza is flanked by MKs Tzahi Hanegbi (right) and Moshe Katsav at yesterday's meeting of the Likud secretariat. (Aloia Ron / Israel Sun)

as not to alienate Levy. "When one considers that the nationwide votes are not for the entire bloc of realistic slots on the list, and that a considerable portion of the voting will take place locally, then in effect Levy gets far more than an 80-20 ratio. We feel we have evolved a very fair system and if Levy rejects it, it

will be for reasons other than those he claims." Levy is not expected to deal with Netanyahu until after the central committee meets, by which time it will be legally very difficult to change the rules of the game. This will increase the chances of Levy fielding his own ticket in 1996.

Barak back from US, to meet Rabin on joining gov't

FORMER chief of staff Ehud Barak will meet with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin over the weekend to discuss when he will join the government.

Labor Party sources said last night they do not believe Barak would become a minister before the beginning of August, just before the Knesset goes on its summer recess.

Barak returned from the US yesterday, but is to go back early next week to

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continue his business dealings there.

The meeting with Rabin was set prior to the news over the breakthrough in talks with Syria, and sources close to Rabin expressed concern last night that this and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres's comments yesterday would deter Barak from joining the government. Peres spoke yesterday about returning the entire Golan, while

Barak has gone on record as highly critical of a possible withdrawal from the Golan.

If he does decide to enter the government, Barak is expected to receive the Interior portfolio relinquished by Tourism Minister Uzi Baram. Baram, who at first supported Barak's co-option, has now grown cool to him, saying yesterday that "Barak has yet to prove himself."

Many Arab journalists fail to show up for Haifa conference

SUE FISHKOFF

FOURTEEN journalists from Egypt, Jordan, Algeria, and the Palestinian Authority discussed media coverage of the peace process yesterday at Haifa University.

But many invited journalists chose to stay away.

Conference organizer Fawaz Kamal, Arabic press liaison for the Government Press Office, said a delegation of 10 Jordanian journalists canceled Monday because of the planned Jerusalem land expropriation.

The invited reporter from Morocco never showed up for his plane and those from the

Gulf states failed to respond to the invitation.

The lone Algerian journalist, Tayeb Belghiche, editor of the French-language *El Wattan*, said he was "happily surprised at his warm reception here."

He said that in contrast to Egypt and Jordan, the Algerian press has been "quite positive toward the peace process" since the 1993 signing of the Declaration of Principles.

"Our positive attitude toward Israel has made us a major target of Algerian

fundamentalists," he said. "Because we defend free speech, we are accused of being enemies of God."

His interview yesterday with Foreign Minister Shimon Peres will be published soon in *Algeria*.

One of the two Jordanian journalists present, who asked not to be identified, said: "If the Jordanian Journalists Association knew I was here, they'd take away my license."

Elias Zananiri, bureau chief of the Middle East

Broadcasting Center in Jerusalem, explained how Palestinian journalists avoid Israeli censorship by feeding stories to the Israeli media first. "We would hear our stories broadcast back to us half an hour later on Israeli Radio, and then we could broadcast 'Israeli Radio reports.' Israeli journalists play the same game to report sensitive stories, using the overseas press."

The conference, part of Arab-Israeli Culture Month, is sponsored by the Government Press Office and Beit Hagefen, the Arab-Jewish Center in Haifa.

Israeli youth go on 'peace march' with participants from Arab countries

DAVID RUDGE

MORE than 5,000 teenagers from Israel, Europe, and neighboring Arab countries took part in a "March for Peace" along the coast between Tel Aviv and Haifa yesterday.

The marchers included groups from Jordan and Morocco, as well as a Peace Now delegation from the Gaza and Jericho.

"For many years we asked where is the Peace Now movement of the Palestinians, and now it exists and is active and you are here among us," said Environment Minister Yossi Sarid at a rally to mark the end of the march.

The event was organized by the Jir e-Zarka Local Council, in conjunction with government and public bodies, as part of a

week of activities to symbolize the momentum toward peace in the region.

For some of the delegates, participation in the Peace Week activities organized by the council, headed by Eyal e-din Amash, proved to be the culmination of a dream.

"I had always hoped to see Jerusalem, and now I have as part of this visit," said Mohammed Kourdi, head of the Jordanian delegation. "It is like a dream come true for me and all of us."

Kourdi said the visit of the Jordanians and their participation in the Peace Week activities was part of the real process of building peace between the people.

He said he looks forward to Jewish and Israeli Arab youth groups visiting Jordan.

Amash said it was the first time the village, sandwiched between Jewish communities, had organized an event of this nature on such a large scale.

"We wanted to mark the momentum toward peace in light of the agreements that have been signed between Israel and the Palestinians and the Jordanians, and the progress toward peace with neighboring countries," said Amash. "Our village has always been an example of coexistence and harmonious relations with our neighbors, and we wanted to underline this sentiment, as well as show off our own tourist potential."

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A three-year-old boy was severely burned when he became trapped inside a blazing car outside his home in Dir al-Assad, near Karmiel, yesterday.

Police said the youngster had apparently been playing with matches in the abandoned vehicle in the backyard of the family's home. His mother managed to pull him from the burning wreck, injuring herself in the process. The youngster, Mohammed Dabash, was taken to Haifa's Rambam Hospital suffering from serious burns, while his mother was treated at Nahariya Government Hospital.

Complaint filed against Hussein

The Victims of Arab Terror organization filed a complaint against Faisal Hussein with the Jerusalem police yesterday, saying his threat Sunday of a renewed intifada if the expropriations in Jerusalem were not canceled is tantamount to incitement.

"Hussein's threat of a new intifada is incitement to murder," said Malka Elba, from the settlement of Kochav Hashahar. "If there is one law for Arabs and Jews, then Hussein should be arrested."

New Peace Now report

Peace Now announced yesterday it is putting together another report on the evacuation of settlements and compensation payments to settlers. The organization last year drew up a blueprint for evacuation of the settlements, and at the time - as now - said its offices received numerous calls from settlers interested in relocating in Israel.

Panel probing waiters' work conditions

Labor and Social Affairs Minister Ora Namer has appointed a committee to study the working conditions of waiters and waitresses. The committee, which met for the first time on Wednesday, is headed by Prof. Avraham Friedman and includes representatives of hotels, businesses, and catering halls. According to Namer, many waiters and waitresses earn less than the minimum wage and their employers do not make National Insurance Institute payments. Many of them also work longer hours than permitted, especially at night.

Gal suggests ending employer health tax

Knesset Finance Committee chairman Gedalya Gal (Labor) yesterday asked the Treasury to look into eliminating the employers' contribution to health insurance (*mas makbil*). The lost money could be made up by increasing national insurance payments, he said, and there would be an overall saving from having only one tax to administer.

Israel to drill for water in Jordan

Israel will begin drilling for water in the Jordanian part of the Arava in July, it was decided yesterday at a meeting between Water Commissioner Gideon Tsur and Kishai Katshak, chairman of the joint Israeli-Jordanian water committee. The drilling is provided for in the peace treaty.



Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert yesterday congratulates Seaman Orit Taft, 18, of Jerusalem, who won a medal for her outstanding performance treating wounded in the Kfar Darom bombing on April 9. Despite being wounded herself, Taft, who serves in a navy base in the Gaza Strip, rushed to help save the lives of other victims. (Isaac Harari)

Compromise lets Faithful onto Temple Mount

THE Temple Mount Faithful yesterday withdrew its petition to the High Court of Justice against the police's decision to close the Temple Mount to all Jews - but not to Arabs - on Jerusalem Day.

The move came after an agreement was reached with the police and the State Attorney's Office allowing the group to visit the Mount on Jerusalem Day.

Group leader Gershon Salomon said all group members, except for himself, would be allowed on the Mount for a two-and-a-half hours.

The police spokesman, however, stressed that the Mount would be open to visits "only if conditions

permit, and this was made clear to the Temple Mount Faithful in the agreement."

Sephardi Chief Rabbi Eliahu Bakshi-Doron, meanwhile, has issued a ruling that, given current conditions, people should not enter the Temple Mount.

In an article in today's *Hatzofeh*, he writes: "The sanctity [of the Mount] is not determined by the entry of multitudes or by its use, but by its uniqueness. It seems that at this time, in light of the situation, the commandment of preserving the sanctity of the Temple, which forbids us from entering the Mount, should be strictly observed." (Itim)

New surgical procedure eases vein trouble

JUDY SIEGEL

provement.

Not treating the condition, which affects eight to 15 percent of the population over the age of 40, can result in painful standing and sitting, swollen legs and varicose veins. In some cases, blood clots form and may cut off circulation in the extremities or reach the lungs - with possibly fatal results.

The conventional, conservative treatment until now has been wearing elastic stockings that put pressure on the venous walls and help "return" the blood to the heart. But many patients are uncomfortable in the heavy stockings, and even then, they are not an ideal solution. Patients with

more serious conditions have been given anti-coagulants to thin out the blood, while others undergo surgery in which veins are opened up and their valves surgically repaired. But such open surgery can be risky, itself causing blood clots.

In the Mayo Clinic technique, the angioplasty is threaded into the veins, and the surgeon sees the defective valves on a TV screen. He can repair them with a tiny scalpel attached to a catheter and make sure they are functioning well before withdrawing the angioplasty.

Shapiro said not a single patient has suffered from clotting. Hospitalization is short - only two or three days - thus reducing medical costs.

Bid to replace CNN with Indian cable movie channel in North

LIAT COLLINS and DAVID RUDGE

A PROPOSAL by the Matav cable company to replace CNN with an Indian station in the Upper Galilee is being opposed by community leaders there.

Matav president Reuven Avital said the proposed move is designed to give viewers in the North better service, after surveys revealed very few people in the region tune into CNN but do watch Indian films.

He maintained that a sample survey in March had not revealed anybody switching on the CNN channel.

The five-year contract between CNN and the cable companies recently expired and the American network has asked for considerably more money for broadcast rights, communications officials noted yesterday. They said the cable company would probably find CNN unprofitable, because of the relatively few viewers in the North and the fact they normally tune in only during emergencies.

The Cable Council - the public body which supervises the cable companies' operations - discussed the request yesterday and called on Matav and CNN to try to find a compromise to allow the station to

continue broadcasting.

Council chairwoman Michal Rafaili-Kaduri said the council considers the CNN broadcasts important, but the council has limited rights to refuse the change if it is established that it was in accordance with local residents' viewing habits.

Merulla Local Council head Yossi Goldberg, who is also chairman of the forum of heads of confrontation line settlements, said council leaders as well as residents oppose the planned move.

He appealed in a letter to the council to reject Matav's application. "In the name of residents of the Galilee and as chairman of the forum I want to express our total opposition to such an initiative," said Goldberg.

He maintained that, irrespective of Matav's surveys, many viewers watch CNN and this is especially the case during times of tension or Katyusha rocket attacks on the North.

His comments were echoed by Kiryat Shmona Mayor Prosper Azran and Deputy Industry and Trade Minister Masha Lubelsky, who said many people watch CNN on a regular basis.

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He was always eager to hear about Israel, not only in terms of "high politics", but even in terms of the day-to-day political gossip about the rise and fall of politicians. He saw himself as Israel's principal friend in the upper reaches of British politics, and I shall never forget his solidarity in official and personal relationships.

Abba Eban

Ramat Gan bank robber escapes with NIS 20,000

RAINE MARCUS

POLICE were still searching yesterday for an armed robber who held up a Ramat Gan branch of the American Israel Bank and escaped with NIS 20,000.

Reports by eyewitnesses that the robber had forced a passing driver to help him escape were still unconfirmed last night. Police said they are still investigating the theory that the robber was assisted by an accomplice driving a getaway car, since no one has come forward to report a "car-jacking." A police helicopter was also deployed to hunt for the vehicle.

Bank robberies in the city have become an almost everyday occurrence recently, since many banks do not employ security officers. Tellers are given instructions that in the event of an armed robbery they must hand over cash, rather than risk lives. A certain number of bank notes are marked to make identification easier if the money is recovered by police.

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The last red line

If this week's debate over the expropriation of land in Jerusalem has made one thing clear, it is that the government's capacity for discarding its own "red lines" is limitless.

To avowed pragmatists this may seem a wise course. After all, some of the Labor Party's most fundamental articles of faith - that Israel should never negotiate with the PLO, withdraw from the Golan, or allow the establishment of a Palestinian state - have been effectively broken without an earthshaking upheaval. If anything, the shattering of these taboos, whose advocates hope will bring peace, has made Labor's leaders the world's darlings. There is no reason, then, to suppose that another sacred tenet - that Jerusalem must stay the undivided capital of Israel - cannot be forfeited with impunity.

The clamor against "rigidity" on Jerusalem has already begun. In what has become a routine way to prepare the public for changes in government policy, articles by government-supporting commentators now explain why peace can only be achieved if Jerusalem is divided (the current euphemism is "shared"), so that it can serve both as the capital of Israel and the capital of the Palestinian state.

One of the rationalizations for a redrawing of the city is that it is not truly united even now. There are areas in it where Jews fear to tread (paradoxically, there are no sections which Arabs avoid), and where the ambience is unmistakably Arab. It will not be a great loss, say these observers, if the demarcation line becomes official.

All sorts of suggestions have been put forward. One plan, supported by Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin (often the harbinger of government policy changes), is to divide the city into boroughs which will be municipally connected but under different sovereignties. Others speak of a single capital "for two nations and three religions."

What these suggestions have in common is detachment from reality. A city can work as two separate entities, as Jerusalem and Berlin did. But it cannot belong to two sovereignties and remain united. Jerusalem is not like an American town which can sit astride a state border, one half in Texas and one in Arkansas. A city with two totally different systems of government, different sets of laws and law enforcement apparatuses would find it difficult to function even if the two sovereignties were democratic. To suppose that it could be a unified city and serve both a democratic government and a police state is nothing short of ludicrous.

But the most worrisome argument used by advocates of the city's redrawing is that the surgery is essential for the achievement of peace. There can be no peace with the

Palestinians and the Arab world, they say, unless at least part of Jerusalem becomes the capital of a Palestinian state. But once this assumption is allowed to dictate Israel's moves, the country becomes a hostage to extortion. If attaining Arab willingness to sign a peace treaty is the supreme goal, to which all else is subordinated, there can be no limit to Israeli concessions, and indeed no "red lines" and no taboos.

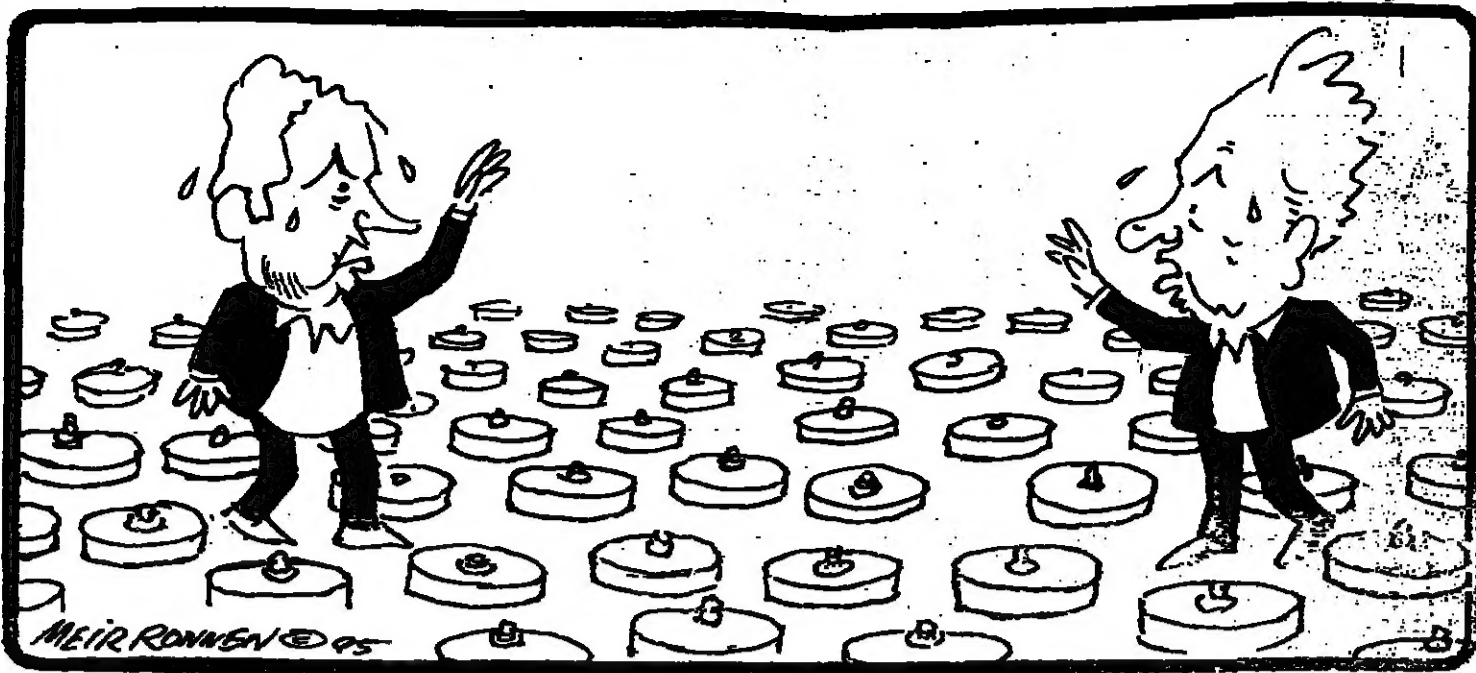
This week's political maneuvers were but a taste of things to come. The government reversed itself on a matter which it considered crucial. It cajoled the Clinton administration to cast the first American veto in five years at the UN Security Council to defeat a relatively mild resolution against the land appropriations. It then did an about-face, not because it truly feared being toppled, but because it assumed - perhaps correctly - that the peace process would be endangered by the expropriations.

Clearly, the Arab parties' no-confidence motion was not what panicked the government. On the contrary, the government obviously welcomed the move as an pretext for climbing down the expropriation tree. What gave it pause was the threat of the resumption of the intifada (a euphemism for PLO terrorism), the prospect of a freeze in relations with Arab countries, and the possibility Syria would not resume talks.

Housing Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer has called the day the government surrendered on the expropriation a black day in the country's history. To assuage his own concerns and those of the majority of the nation he announced the building of thousands of housing units in the eastern part of Jerusalem in the near future. But the same considerations which begat the government's surrender this week will prevail when Arab threats to abort the peace process accompany the appearance of the first bulldozers anywhere in eastern Jerusalem. That the government will yield again is a foregone conclusion.

It seems clear now why the government has agreed with the PLO to postpone talks on the fate of Jerusalem to the last phase of the negotiations. As all polls indicate, a vast majority of Israelis consider the taboo on the division of Jerusalem the most sacred of all. If redrawing the city is ever to prove palatable, the government seems to believe, the Israeli insistence on keeping the whole city under Israeli sovereignty must appear as the only remaining obstacle to peace.

But it requires extraordinary gullibility to believe that the PLO and the Arab regimes, acutely aware of their extortionate powers after this week's victory, will be satisfied with half of Jerusalem, and live peacefully with Israel ever after. An extortioner whose appetite does not grow by what it feeds on is yet to be born.



A good time to come aboard

THOSE who seek the end of the peace process have had a bad week.

President Mubarak sent his emissary to Jerusalem with instructions to liquidate the recent tension in Egyptian-Israeli relations. The real test of a friendship lies in its capacity to overcome differences, not in its rare celebrations of normalcy. The discussion about the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty was always marginal to the importance of the Egyptian role in pioneering peace in the Middle East.

On the same day Prime Minister Rabin praised PLO Chairman Arafat for his recent "strong line against terrorism." Israeli security chiefs no longer doubt that the hull in attacks is in some degree a consequence of action by the Palestinian Authority.

It does not guarantee us against every future Hamas assault, but even the more efficient and powerful Israeli forces did not offer a total guarantee. Since Yitzhak Rabin is more frugal than any man alive in the distribution of praise, his approval

should be given its full face value.

The American veto in the UN Security Council came to a paradoxical end, but the readiness to use it illustrated the strength of the US-Israeli alliance. For the first time in the history of both countries, America and Israel have a joint foreign policy objective.

From the atmosphere in Washington last week, I deduce that there will be a stampede of US lawmakers to tie themselves to an achievement which, in due proportion, will be similar to the American opening to China and to the US role in the Egyptian-Israeli negotiations.

After 20 months, the peace process is in pretty good shape

ive of which the peace process is both the symbol and the driving force.

If a peace treaty is concluded between Syria and Israel, it will be a rare foreign policy achievement for both the US and for Israel.

The monitoring role will be regarded as an act of deference by Israel to the US, and not as the imposition of a hazardous task on American monitors.

The Clinton administration is not in the mood to renounce such a distinguished and well-merited assignment.

ON THE domestic scene, the willingness of the opposition leader to support the division of Jerusalem, on the initiative of an Arab Communist splinter party, has only just begun to seep into the consciousness of the American public. Former foreign minis-

ter David Levy, who expresses the Begin tradition in foreign policy, will find a resonant echo to his dignified critique.

The peace process has opened Israel to various categories of relations with Egypt, Jordan, Morocco, and to an anti-terrorist partnership with the mainstream Palestinian movement. It has reinforced Israel's ties with the European Union, with the leaders of what used to be called the Third World, with the Vatican's billion followers and with the main body of the UN.

Last year's Casablanca conference on regional cooperation has had a continuation in the Jordanian capital. Promising economic contacts in the Arab Gulf area have not ceased.

There were ambitions for a speedier rate of progress. But as a balance sheet for a 20-month review, the positive surplus is evident. It is a good time for aspiring friends of Israel to come aboard.

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ABBA EBAN

It was America's veto that did it

THE official version of Osama el-Baz's visit to Jerusalem this week was so simplistic that it is hard to shake off the incredulity it inspires.

Did Egypt's president really order his adviser to fly urgently to Jerusalem simply to compliment Israel on its decision to freeze the expropriation of 535 dunams in Jerusalem? Or is the official explanation of the trip just the cover for a secret message carried by Mubarak's representative?

Reports that el-Baz was seeking to turn the page in Israeli-Egyptian relations in the wake of the expropriation affair weren't convincing. If they were true, one could conclude that the government's original decision to expropriate the land paradoxically led to improved relations between Jerusalem and Cairo. Obviously, without the original decision to expropriate land, there could have been no subsequent decision to freeze the expropriation.

The truth is that Jerusalem-Cairo relations were tense before the expropriation affair. They soured when Egypt lobbied various Arab states to hold back from normalizing their relations with Israel. They deteriorated further after Egypt's attempts to force Israel to sign the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

They got still worse when Egypt threatened diplomatic reprisals against Latin American states that decided to transfer their embassies to Jerusalem.

None of these gaps between Jerusalem and Cairo were narrowed by Israel's decision to freeze the expropriations.

It seems that Egypt was attempting to exploit the opportunity presented by Israel's hour of vulnerability. The message Mubarak urgently wanted to communicate - while Jerusalem was still in shock over the U-turn it had made from its basic position

on Jerusalem - was that Egypt wants to be an active partner in Israeli-Palestinian negotiations.

The meaning of such a partnership would be that whenever Israel failed to accept a Palestinian demand, it would face the threat of a further deterioration in relations with Egypt.

Egypt is after something else: to exploit the dynamics of Israel's retreat to force it to cave in on the nuclear issue as well, an objective it failed to achieve through external pressure.

The sense of the US's veto of the Security Council proposal calling for a condemnation of Israel was that it prefers Israel and

King Fahd refused to sit with King Hussein.

The secretary of the Arab League must have prepared the announcement of the postponement in advance, since it was made just an hour after Israel's announcement that it was freezing the expropriations. There would hardly have been time to communicate with the Arab leaders who had been invited to Rabat.

But Israel acted under the mistaken impression that the Rabat summit would be held, and that it would put a stop to negotiations with the Palestinians and with

The US's firm stand on the land in Jerusalem caused the winds of change to blow in the Arab camp

the Palestinians to resolve their differences through direct negotiations, without outside interference.

Mubarak was pulling in the other direction, seeking to be part of the negotiations. So, wanting to strike while the iron was hot, he despatched el-Baz to Jerusalem while Israel was still reeling from the impact of the Arab intimidation campaign.

The postponement of the Arab summit conference, planned for tomorrow in Rabat, was known as early as Sunday evening - that is, a whole day before Israel announced it was freezing the expropriations.

Why was the summit postponed?

President Assad of Syria refused to sit at the same table as PLO leader Arafat, while Saudi

Syria. It thus made its U-turn without considering that the change of direction was liable to impugn its credibility in Arab eyes.

TWO UNJUSTIFIED fears caused the government's shift of ground on the question of land in Jerusalem.

There was no real danger that the government would fall as a result of the Arab MK's no-confidence motions, even helped by the Communist Tamar Ginzburg. Despite everything said in the Knesset's corridors that hot day the vote was taken, the opposition Zionist and religious parties weren't about to aid and abet those who schemed against Israel's sovereignty over a united Jerusalem.

As the poet Uri Zvi Greenberg said: There is one Je-

usalem, just as there is only one sun in the sky.

The same holds true for the second fear: that Arafat might break off the negotiations on extending his authority beyond Gaza and Jericho. No such danger existed, and there was no need for Foreign Minister Peres to rush to Gaza and reassure the chairman. Arafat is no less interested in the future of the negotiations than Israel.

On the other hand, there was a serious reason not to display weakness in the face of the protests by the Arab states and their supporters in Europe.

The Arabs' interpretation of such weakness may well be that Israel was thrown into a panic by threats of a renewal of the intifada.

By succumbing to Palestinian threats, Israel will find itself facing many similar threats in the future - whenever the lengthy negotiations in store with the Palestinians hit an obstacle.

Like Mubarak's touted readiness to open a new chapter in relations with Israel, Syria's readiness to resume talks on the military aspects of an eventual agreement on the Golan had nothing to do with Israel's suspension of its decision on the land in Jerusalem. In point of fact, the American veto in the Security Council did nothing to hinder this new development, quite the contrary. Syria's decision was actually accelerated by the American veto.

The veto proved to all those who threatened Israel, tried to condemn it or twist its arm, that the US is determined to support a negotiated peace. It underlined the American determination to support peace through negotiation, not by threat.

The writer, a veteran journalist, comments on current affairs.

MOSHE ZAK

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ISRAEL'S NUCLEAR POLICY

Sir, - I refer to Steve Rodan's article of April 20, "Danger: Fission on nuclear policy," in which my views were cited at length. I am sorry to say that many of those direct quotes were never said by me; others were badly misinterpreted.

Since the subject matter, Israel's nuclear policy, is both sensitive and important, I want to put the record straight. Though I do have reservations about some aspects of the government's custodianship of our nuclear affairs, I do not believe that the official declaratory policy, often called the policy of deliberate nuclear ambiguity, "is no longer effective," as Mr. Rodan attributed to me. On the contrary, as I tried to explain to Mr. Rodan, I believe that the Israeli declaratory formula, "Israel will not be the first to introduce nuclear weapons to the Middle East," is still the best available. I do not advocate making any changes in that formula for the foreseeable future. I am also in favor of the Israeli official stance about the establishment of a nuclear weapons-free zone in the Middle East, and that such a zone should be established only after some testing period of lasting peace.

However, there is a conceptual difference between a governmental declaratory policy of "deliberate ambiguity" and a situation of ambiguity. One can be in support of Israel's declaratory nuclear policy, as I am, while believing that for many years a situation of nuclear ambiguity concerning Israel's basic capability no longer exists. This distinction is central to understanding my views on the subject.

Briefly, the issues on which I may be in some disagreement with the official stance had nothing to do with declaratory policy or with the long-term objectives of the arms-control process. Rather, it has to do with matters of tactics and approach in dealing with the issue, including aspects of the censor's policy in this matter. The prevailing Israeli fear of falling into a "slippery slope," in

my judgment, is overestimated among officials. Also, my differences are derived from a greater concern with domestic-democratic accountability of our nuclear affairs.

On specific issues, I never said "Israel should allow Egyptian visits at Dimona at the present time," nor did I imply anything to that effect. What I did say was criticizing Foreign Minister Peres's suggestion that Egyptian scientists could visit the small reactor at Sorek. I believe that such an offer would not be received as a friendly gesture in Egypt, as Mr. Rodan would have liked it to be, but rather it would be perceived as an insult and arrogance. It highlights the fact that Dimona, where the Egyptians really want to visit, is off limits for them. On the issue of Egyptian visits at Dimona, it is plain to me as to most others that Israel cannot afford such visits.

Steve Rodan was right to suggest that I propose a "dual approach" to dealing with Egypt, but it is certainly not the one Rodan attributes to me. I do not recommend "end the secrecy on Israel's [nuclear] program." I do recommend, however, a blend of "hawkish" and "dovish" approaches. Without getting into details, my recommended "dual approach" can be pursued without changing an iota in Israel's declaratory policy.

Mr. Rodan devised his article by confronting two opposite points of view: one was Professor Yuval Ne'eman's and the other one was

mine. This was unfair because the views of Prof. Ne'eman and mine, on the nuclear issue, are much closer than Mr. Rodan appreciates. I held great respect for Professor Ne'eman's views on the nuclear issue for many years, and we had intellectual occasions to discuss them at some length. Though we may disagree on details and tactics (in part, I suppose, due to a generational difference), I agree with much of Prof. Ne'eman's substantial views on the nuclear question.

Like Ne'eman, I am also against the introduction of open nuclear deterrence to the Middle East and against basing Israel's national security primarily on nuclear deterrence. Like Ne'eman, I have profound doubts whether nuclear weapons could ever be militarily meaningful in the context of the Middle East, except as the ultimate deterrent against Arab or Iranian nuclear weapons. Like Ne'eman, I consider Israel's nuclear option as a sacred national insurance, not as a truly war-fighting tool. I believe that on these fundamental issues of nuclear policy, there is an overwhelming national consensus in Israel, aside from ideological and party differences.

With sadness I have to note that perhaps one important reason why Israel has lacked a serious open nuclear debate is because the issue itself is too complex and subtle for the press to understand and follow.

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EMINENT DOMAIN

Israeli media, along with the Arabs and their supporters, are using the term confiscation in reference to the 134 acres of land in Jerusalem, rather than the term expropriation.

Only when Israel exercises the right of Eminent Domain are objections raised. The UN wouldn't dare to discuss this issue if any other country were involved.

Beersheba. MAISH RUBIN

THERE WERE hissing cockroaches in the elegant office of the speaker of the US House of Representatives. They even crawled up Speaker Newt Gingrich's lapels.

"I won't mention which Democrat I was thinking of when I saw them," said Gingrich after Columbus Zoo director Jack Hanna placed two of the hissing cockroaches, natives of Madagascar,

on the speaker's shoulder. For a handful of school children, Gingrich's lavishly appointed office became a temporary petting zoo as Hanna showed off some of his more exotic creatures.

A 23 kilogram black bearcat perched atop Gingrich's head, wound his tail around his neck and nibbled on a banana.

Gingrich was delighted. His

first dream, he confessed, was to be a zoo director. He readily identified the albino python and poisonous African marine toad.

Appropriately enough, a fire-belly newt was also there. "Notice how small and unprepossessing [it is]," laughed Gingrich.

A SHEEP survived a stroll across a busy Kuwait City motorway but

24 cars collided trying to avoid the animal.

"The sheep suddenly started to cross the road causing a car to make an abrupt halt to avoid running over it, but the cars behind could not avoid hitting it (the car)," a newspaper reported.

The sheep was later seen wandering amid the wrecked vehicles.

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Who won, who lost?

A photograph published at the beginning of the War of Independence showed Abdel Kader Hussein, commander of the Palestinian gangs in the Jerusalem area, contemptuously viewing corpses of Jewish soldiers killed and mutilated by his men.

This week we saw on television the contemptuous, sneering, gloating face of his son Faisal Hussein, Yasser Arafat's infatigable commander, who had threatened the state of Israel with an intifada in the whole Middle East unless it yielded and rescinded its decision to expropriate land in Jerusalem.

He wasn't satisfied with the government's surrender a week before, when it announced that after the 500-odd dunams in question it would not expropriate any more land. He wanted to bring the government to its knees, and the government accommodated him by laying itself at his feet in all its short length.

After the Knesset vote, everyone was busy asking, "Who lost, the Likud, or the disintegrating leftist government? Who collapsed, who failed? Who acted wisely, and who showed inexperience? Who could not properly count Knesset members on the plenum floor, and whose nerves failed him at the crucial moment?"

Who "collaborated" with the two anti-Israeli, anti-Zionist and anti-Jewish small parties? Is it the Likud, which wanted to topple the government to save Jerusalem which is being sold to Arafat for nothing? The Likud, which tried to persuade the government to cancel its decision to stop expropriating land in Jerusalem? The Likud, which tried to make the government shut down Ori-

ARIEL SHARON

ent House and other Palestinian government offices in Jerusalem, a city daily turning into the capital of the Palestinian state? Or are the "collaborators" in this case the current government ministers, who ever since the government was formed have been leaning on the two anti-Israel parties? Without the cooperation of these parties, which serve the interests of the Palestinian terrorist organizations, this government could not have brought Israel to its present condition.

PAINFULLY NAIVE in such matters, the Likud failed to comprehend the extent of the govern-

The Likud was slandered, and Jerusalem was abandoned

ment's cynicism. It failed to realize that it was affording the left another opportunity to surrender to Arafat, while slandering the Likud and placing the onus on its shoulders. It had simply forgotten that it was dealing with professional slanderers, a government that has, to date, failed in everything except the art of libel.

Had the Likud been more alert to the government's techniques, it might have been more careful. In the heat of the Knesset debate, other leftist slanders, perpetrated this week in another matter, were forgotten.

A grave, totally unacceptable incident took place in New York

this week, one that I and all my colleagues have condemned clearly and unequivocally.

I am against all violence, physical or verbal, in democratic life, even if it is committed by Jews who are deeply concerned about the survival of the state of Israel.

But Shulamit Aloni, her colleague Dedi Zucker and others, all veteran "collaborators" of the Palestinian terrorist organizations, immediately launched a slander campaign against the "national camp" in Israel, as if it had caused that dreadful incident in New York.

The prime minister and his foreign minister gloated this week. They had succeeded in defeating the Likud, and they managed to forfeit construction in Jerusalem and blame the Likud for it. Others, too, gloated this week: the leaders of Islamic Jihad and Hamas, and Arafat, Abdul Wahab Darawshe and Faisal Hussein. Their success was in defeating the state of Israel.

Those who saw the gloating faces of the PLO representatives and their supporters, the pleasure and satisfaction they derived from the fight among the Jews, should have understood the gravity of the situation. They should understand now that if the Jews fail to unite, we'll lose everything.

If the prime minister had acted responsibly, he would have resigned and formed a new government. It was within his reach. Nothing forced him to abandon Jerusalem. But he chose the easy way: holding on to his seat, while blaming his opposition. And forgetting Jerusalem.

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A second look

ALLAN E. SHAPIRO

gazed in the Third Way faction, now really have a third way. They don't have to renounce old loyalties and join a grouping on the political right. They don't have to form their own party. They have the new option of opposing Yitzhak Rabin and still voting Labor.

The formation of a new Knesset list by the Third Way would, in all likelihood, siphon votes that would otherwise go to Tomet. In this way, Labor might even gain in the coalition bargaining.

However, the Third Way could

Direct election of the premier could undermine democracy

deliver its message by supporting Eitan for prime minister without fielding its own Knesset list.

MANY OBSERVERS expect the numerically powerful bloc of new immigrants from the former Soviet Union to cast a protest vote, primarily motivated by their absorption difficulties. A minor party candidate might prove an attractive option. It would be a vote against the two establishment parties, if not against the political system as a whole.

Assuming a three-way race for prime minister, a runoff election is highly likely. If all the protest voters throw their support to a third-party candidate, there is at least a possibility that the two contestants in the second round of voting will not necessarily be the leaders of the two major parties.

This contradicts a major objective of the framers of the direct election law. Instead of added strength and stability at the moderate center of the political map,

there would be augmented power for the radical extreme.

The possibility of the election of a third-party candidate, as well as of the election of a prime minister from one party, and a Knesset majority from an opposing bloc, adds a new dimension to the question of political deals. It is not simply a matter of the timing of the deals - before the voting, rather than after the ballots are counted. Rather there would be two sets of deals - both before and after.

The mathematics of political deals would be slightly different in the two rounds. In the first round (before the election), hard support would count more than the support of other factional leaders, because the rebbs can really deliver the votes. In the post-election deals, factional strength would depend, as at present, on the number of seats in the Knesset.

A major innovation in the second-stage deals would be the appearance of a political catalyst who would put together a Knesset majority. After the elections for the Fifth Knesset, Levi Eshkol took upon himself the non-constitutional role of putting a government together for David Ben-Gurion. In the setting of direct elections, this role would have real political muscle.

Certainly the framers of the direct election reform never, in their worst nightmares, imagined that it might lead to the creation of a political boss, in the classic sense, holding the reins of power without being subject to control by the electorate.

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Jewish gifts that could be lost

DAVID MARGOLIS

the existence of one young yeshiva student near, in on jostling a Palestinian husband and wife who were trying to make their way on a private errand against the current of the thick crowd. Secure in a group of encouraging friends, he made sure to collide with the Palestinians, to block their way, to let them know who was boss.

have understood since Purim 1994 in Hebron the direction in which such minor crimes may eventually lead.

WHEN I finally reached the Western Wall, past the loud-mouth salesman of redemption preaching through a bullhorn in front of the Ateret Cohanim synagogue, and the yeshiva boys

It was a little thing, but heart-sickening. For me, it marred Jerusalem Day

It was a small thing, but heart-sickening, as if this good-looking, curly-haired yeshiva student wearing a knitted kippa was the reborn soul of some drunken Cossack having fun on Easter Sunday by abusing a Yid.

I am Orthodox, too; and my wife sharply scolded the student as he finally let the Arab couple pass. In return, he gave her a smart-alecky grin and drawled, "Shut up!"

This, I thought to myself, is what people mean when they say that occupation corrupts the occupier - not through large acts of violence, but in each individual's small retreats from his own human responsibility.

If we didn't know it before, we

shouting slogans from a roof, the wide plaza in front of the Wall was filled with dancers and music.

But I didn't feel like staying. Something about Jerusalem Day had gone sour for me.

I admire the bravery of the Jews who live or study in the Arab Quarter of the Old City. I had few qualms about laying claim to all the land from the River Jordan to the Mediterranean. And certain kinds of Israeli economic and political pressure, including permanent settlement and land expropriations that encourage Arabs to move elsewhere, seem to me simply what the ultimate conquest of the land requires.

But beyond the current peace process or any future war, we will share the Holy City and the Holy Land with others who cannot celebrate our Jerusalem Day or our Independence Day, with those who do not stop during their daily round to stand in silence when the sirens sound and mourn the soldiers killed in Israel's wars. Because for them, in small or large degree, history's gift to the Jewish people is indistinguishable from their own calamity.

That gives us some hard work to do. Though the phrase hasn't been heard much of late, the Israeli army long talked about the concept of "purity of arms," the notion that weapons must be used within certain parameters of restraint and purpose that preserve the soldier's and the nation's inner humanity.

There has to be an analogous "purity of conquest." Even as we insist on an undivided Jerusalem and celebrate Jewish victory and the ingathering of the exiles, we need to remember that these things are a gift, and not a mark of any innate superiority.

If a non-Jew walking among Jews as we celebrate our national triumph has one hair of his head touched, or even feels threatened, I fear we will have begun to lose our right to those gifts.

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Russia-Chechnya talks break down quickly

INTERNATIONALLY sponsored peace talks between Russian and Chechen officials broke down quickly yesterday as heavy fighting raged south of the ruined Chechen capital.

The talks were suspended when the Russian delegation walked out without explanation about three hours after the talks began at 11 a.m.

The leader of the delegation, Nikolai Semyonov, later told the ITAR-Tass news agency his side needed a break to discuss the possibility of including military commanders in the negotiations.

The agency quoted Usman Imaev, the leader of the Chechen rebel delegation, as complaining that the Russians had come into the talks unprepared.

Rebel spokesman Movladi Ugudov told the Interfax news agency the Chechen side had stuck to its

INGELA BYLUND
GROZNY, Russia

earlier demands, including an immediate Russian pullout and the creation of internationally controlled safety zones.

About 50 Chechen women demonstrated outside the house where the delegations met. Some held banners that said: "Save Us From Russian Fascism," and "Stop the Genocide."

ITAR-Tass reported from Grozny that the Russian delegation walked out of the talks shortly before 2 p.m. with no explanation. Russian officials earlier had said the talks were an internal Chechen affair.

A Russian lawmaker involved in an investigation of the six-month war held out little hope for success in the talks.

"Imaev and Semyonov cannot agree on anything. They are too low ranking. There must be talks between the leaders," said Stanislav Govorukhin, a film director and Democratic Party member.

Explosions could be heard across Chechnya throughout the night, and Russian warplanes and artillery attacked Chechen rebels south of the capital.

It was the second day of heavy fighting in the mountains and forests south of Grozny, now controlled by Russian forces. ITAR-Tass said sporadic gunfire also rang out in Grozny itself.

The Interfax news agency quoted Col. Gen. Mikhail Yegorov, commander of the Russian forces, as saying eight of his troops were killed Wednesday and 20 were wounded. The agency also said 32 rebel fighters had been killed.

Japan rocked by soldier's suspected aid to sect

TOKYO (Reuters) - Japan's government was shaken yesterday by the arrest of a soldier on suspicion of stealing data from the country's largest defense contractor for the doomsday cult linked to Tokyo's subway nerve gas attack.

The soldier, an elite paratrooper and member of the Aum Shinri Kyo (Supreme Truth) sect, was suspected of stealing weapons plans by computer from the Hiroshima research center of Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Ltd in December.

Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama ordered Defense Minister Tokutomi Tamazawa to tighten military discipline in Japan's Self Defense Force (SDF).

The paratrooper's arrest, the latest in an embarrassing series of cases in which members of Japan's military have broken laws to aid Aum, forced Tamazawa to fight off opposition party calls for his resignation.

"I have the responsibility under civilian control to carry out a thorough investigation to establish an SDF that is trusted," Tamazawa told reporters. "It would be more irresponsible if I quit leaving matters unclear."

Clinton to US firms: Invest in N. Ireland

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Clinton urged American firms yesterday to invest in Northern Ireland, saying "peace is closer than it's been in a generation" in the long-troubled region.

Convening a conference to promote investment, Clinton said the people of Northern Ireland need to feel tangible benefits of the cease-fire that was reached last year. "To keep this process going, to lock in the accomplishments, we must make hope real," Clinton said.

"I urge American businesses and all others to consider investing in Northern Ireland and the border counties," the president said. "The opportunities are excellent, the work force is well educated and well motivated. The productivity levels are high. The unit labor costs are low."

Before Clinton spoke, the United States signed a compact with Britain and the Irish Republic to boost tourism.

Commerce Secretary Ron Brown said the agreement will "spur tourism throughout Ireland, develop initiatives to increase private-sector investment and tourism development, and train tourism industry employees."

In his remarks, Clinton said "a powerful transformation has begun" in Northern Ireland because of the cease-fire and peace talks.

"Peace is closer than it's been in a generation," he said. "For the first time in decades, children can walk to school without worrying. Families that have endured so much violence with so much dignity can now enjoy the blessings of days without violence and nights without fear."

Meanwhile, a top British official is pressing Sinn Féin leader Gerry Adams on disarmament of the IRA.

Sir Patrick Mayhew, who as secretary of state for Northern Ireland is Britain's senior official for the region, met for the first time with Adams on Wednesday.

While Mayhew initiated the meeting with Adams, the British were anxious to downplay it and keep it from overshadowing the economic conference.

Clinton was kicking off a day of panel discussions and meetings among hundreds of business people and officials from both sides of the Atlantic.

In keeping with British efforts not to afford the Sinn Féin leader too much status, Mayhew and Adams met for 35 minutes in a hotel suite and behind closed doors with no photographs allowed. Afterward, they talked separately to reporters.

Adams' meeting with Mayhew marked the highest level contact between Sinn Féin, the political ally of the banned IRA, and the British government.



Zairean Red Cross volunteers, who spray all workers and visitors at the Kikwit General Hospital with disinfectant, rest outside the building. (AP)

Hariri fills new cabinet with supporters

BEIRUT (AP) - Prime Minister-designate Rafik Hariri formed a new cabinet yesterday packed with supporters to speed up his controversial post-war reconstruction program.

Hariri, who resigned nearly a week ago in frustration over quarrelsome ministers blocking his policies, made good on his promise to get rid of ministers who oppose him.

Two of his four main critics were dumped from the new 30-man, half-Moslem, half-Christian cabinet, in which Hariri can now count on support from just about everyone.

Little, if any, change was anticipated in the government's internal and external policies.

"I am very happy to form this cohesive and united cabinet," Hariri said in a statement. "It was the best we could do and I am very satisfied."

Hisham Shaar, secretary-general of the Prime Minister's Office, read out at the presidential palace in suburban Baabda a decree issued by President Elias Hrawi announcing the new cabinet.

Its first meeting was set for this afternoon to draft a statement to be presented to parliament for a vote of confidence expected by the end of the month.

Hariri, a 50-year-old Sunni Moslem billionaire, complained that the previous cabinet, which he headed from October 1992 until last Friday, was torn by internal feuding.

He accused some ministers of deliberately hampering his efforts to rebuild the country from the devastation of the 1975-90 civil war. Some ministers have publicly criticized him or his government's policy.

Hrawi formally asked Hariri on Sunday to form a new cabinet. He reappointed him after polling members of the 128-seat Parliament, most of whom nominated Hariri.

Accepting the task, Hariri promised a "united, cohesive" cabinet to further his \$18 billion reconstruction plan.

Eighteen of the ministers in the old 30-member cabinet remained in the new one. Some of those who were ditched included Hariri supporters.

It was not immediately clear why they were absent from the new government, but most were replaced by other Hariri loyalists.

Survey: 7b. people in Third World by 2025

WASHINGTON (AP) - A boy born this year in the Central African Republic can expect to be dead by 2035, 40 years away, and to be miserably poor until then. A Japanese or Swedish lad can look forward to 76 well-being years.

And assuming current conditions continue, the Central African Republic would have twice as many people to feed as the current 3.2 million by 2025, six years before this year's son dies so young. But affluent Japan's population of 125 million wouldn't double for 277 years. Sweden's for 990 years.

Similar disparities pervade the Washington-based Population Reference Bureau's 1995 World Population Data Sheet, released this week.

The Third World accounts for 98 percent of global population increase but has an average per capita gross national product less than 6 percent that of the developed world.

Under current conditions, the Third

World's 4.5 billion people will increase to 7.0 billion by 2025 and double to 9 billion people by 2031. Developed countries, now with fewer than 1.17 billion people, will expand to only 1.27 billion by 2025.

In the Third World, 67 babies die of every 1,000 born alive. Developed countries lose 10 babies per 1,000.

Only 20 percent of the developed world's population is under age 15, and 13 percent is over 65. In the Third World, 35 percent are under 15, facing their prime childbearing years - and 5 percent are over 65.

An assessment of population trends, the sheet is prepared for the bureau, a private nonprofit educational organization, by demographers Carl Haub and Machiko Yanagishita.

As recently as the late 1960s, Third World women averaged six children each. Today's average is 3.5. Yet world population has more than doubled since 1950, 2.5 billion to 5.7

billion, and if the 3.5 rate continues the population will be 700 billion in the 22nd century, Haub and Yanagishita extrapolated.

In Europe and North America, the only countries with natural growth rates of more than 1 percent annually are Albania, 1.8, and Ireland, 1.1. In eastern Europe, negative growth rates are common, the lowest being Russia's -0.6 percent.

The world's "highest" rate of population growth is 4.9 percent per year in Oman. Next comes Togo and Comoros, African Sahel states at 3.6 percent, followed by many of the continent's poorest countries in the 3-percent range.

"Today, the great demographic unknown is when - or whether - family planning and changes in the status of women will push fertility down to the critical level of two children per woman," the data gatherers wrote.

That is the rate couples replace themselves, eventually eliminating population growth.

US Navy officer 'spied for Saudis'

NORFOLK, Virginia (AP) - A US Navy officer has been charged with spying for Saudi Arabia while he was stationed there, the Navy said Wednesday.

Lt. Cmdr. Michael Schwartz is accused of passing on secret documents and computer disks, including daily intelligence summaries, while assigned to the US military training mission in Saudi Arabia, where he was posted from November 1992 to September 1994.

Investigators said they don't believe Schwartz traded information for money, but declined to elaborate.

Schwartz, 43, of El Paso, Texas, will undergo an Article 32 investigation at the Norfolk Naval Base, where he is assigned while the probe continues, said Cmdr. Kevin Wensing, a spokesman for the Navy's Atlantic Fleet Air Force. An Article 32 proceeding is similar to a grand jury investigation.

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Eight killed in Turkey bombing

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Iran sees breakthrough in ties with Iraq

NICOSIA (Reuters) - Iran said yesterday that talks this week had led to a breakthrough in ties with its arch-enemy Iraq, and that preparations for a Baghdad visit by Iran's foreign minister had been completed.

"Preparations for the visit of Foreign Minister [Ali Akbar] Velayati to Baghdad have... been made," Deputy Foreign Minister Hossein Sheikholeslam, was quoted by Tehran radio as saying. He did not give a date for the visit, the first by an Iranian foreign minister since the 1979 Islamic revolution.

Australia territory legalizes euthanasia

DARWIN, Australia (AP) - An Australian state passed legislation yesterday giving terminally ill patients the right to end their lives with medical help. The parliament of the Northern Territory passed the bill 15-10 after a 14-hour debate that ended in the early morning.

Hollywood Madam gets 3 years

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Hollywood Madam Heidi Fleiss was sentenced Wednesday to three years in prison for running a prostitution ring where jet-setting clients spent thousands of dollars for a night with stunning-looking women. Fleiss, 29, was freed on \$200,000 bail pending an appeal of the conviction.

US ends curb on Russian romances

(Reuters) - The United States has lifted Cold War curbs on sleeping with the enemy, allowing its diplomats to have "intimate or romantic relations" with Russians. "The prohibition which formerly restricted employees of the mission from establishing intimate or romantic relationships with Russians has been revoked," a US Embassy spokesman said yesterday. "This is a Washington decision, and it applies worldwide." He said Russia was the last state of the former Soviet Union still subject to the restrictions on relationships with local citizens.

Britain's Prince Charles in security scare

LONDON (Reuters) - Britain's Prince Charles was involved in a security scare yesterday when a barefoot man rushed at him and was wrestled to the ground by police. Police said the man, dressed only in shorts and a tee-shirt, lunged at the heir to the throne when he was getting into his official car on a visit to the southern English seaside resort of Brighton. The man tried to hand the prince a note and was pounced on by police.

Jury selected for Maxwell brothers' trial

LONDON (Reuters) - London's central criminal court selected a jury yesterday for the trial of Kevin and Ian Maxwell, who are accused of conspiring to defraud pensioners after the death of their father, Robert Maxwell, in 1991. The trial of the brothers and two other defendants is set to begin on May 31.

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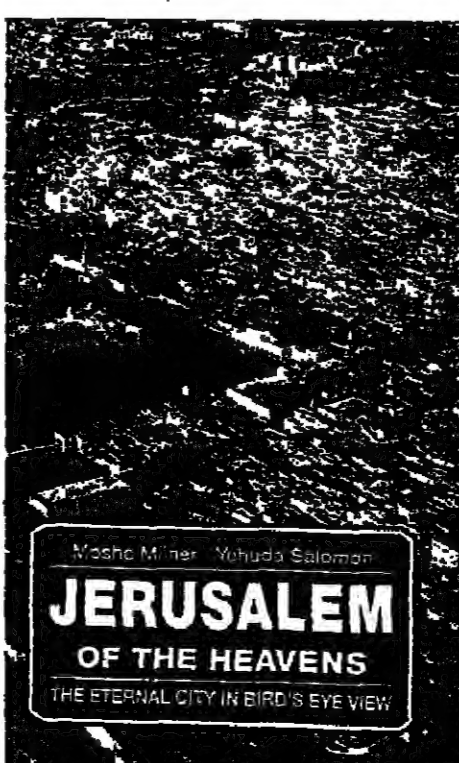
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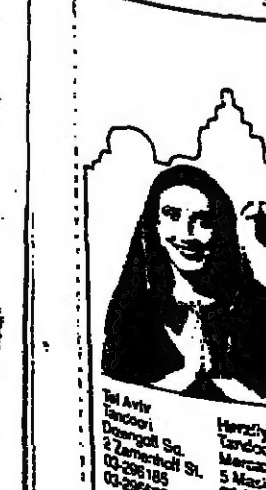
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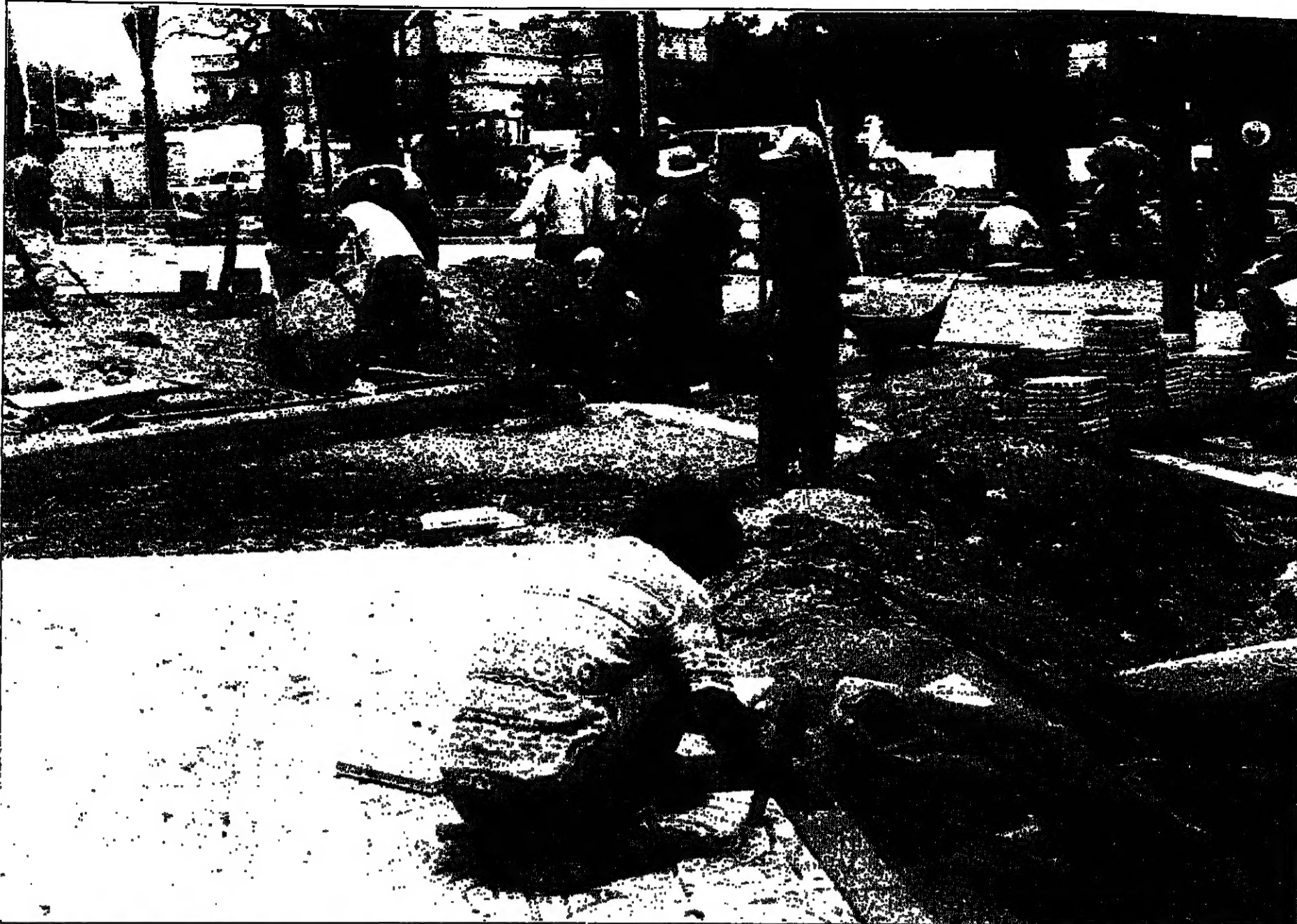
THE Abu Gama consumer-optimism indicator shows that the situation in Gaza is looking up, despite continuing economic hardship. But then its inventor, Fathi Abu Gama, is by nature an optimist. In May 1993, when Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat was still an outlaw in Tunis, Abu Gama judged that the residents of Jabalya, the camp that launched the intifada, were ready for some of life's little luxuries, like double mango sundaes or a night out with the wife.

He opened a restaurant and ice-cream parlor with candy-striped walls on the edge of the refugee camp, and its fortunes have paralleled political developments unerringly. Business climbed after the Rabin-Arafat handshake in September 1993 and even during the last violent winter of Israeli-Palestinian confrontations in the camp. Trade rocketed after the PA took office in June 1994, but plummeted in January this year when people began to suspect that the closure imposed by Israel was going to become permanent.

In the past month, says Abu Gama, there has been an upswing in trade, and, even taking seasonal factors into account, he believes it indicates growing confidence in the future.

Traditional economic indicators, however, show that Gazans ought to be on the point of uprising. Unemployment estimates vary from 40 to 55 percent, but the facts are, worse than the figures as many of those who are still employed are now on half pay and are working half shifts.

Hafit Rava has worked behind a sewing machine at the Salaam shirt factory in Beit Lahya since he was nine, when he decided to skip school permanently. Now he is 19, married with a daughter, and he takes home NIS 600 a



Public building has provided some 2,000 jobs in Gaza but has also elicited the criticism that Arafat is building monuments to himself. (Valerie Chazan)

month for 10 days' work a month, less than half of what he took home last year working 25 days a month.

Meat costs NIS 20 a kilo, so he buys it only once a week, but he eats chicken, and more, because it's cheaper. He lives with his parents. An older brother contributes here and there, a sister sells jewelry, his wife's family chips in, an employer offers a small loan, and he gets by, even helping to support his sick, aging father.

Rava's case is typical. The closure has pushed up the prices of

imports and has kept tens of thousands out of work in Gaza as well as in Israel. Manufacturers complain that the raw materials they need, from cement to cotton, cost more and are harder to get because of the complicated transportation procedures necessary to satisfy the demands of Israeli security. This depresses production and results in the laying off of locally employed Gazans.

Beit Lahya cloth-weaver Mahmoud Haboub says he put in his request to import cotton thread for summer clothes months ago.

At present, he is producing nothing. "The season passes. Now it is summer. I should have had the material a month ago." Instead, Haboub is limited to dyeing cloth for Gaza merchants. They receive old stocks of cloth from Israeli clothes manufacturers who have nowhere else to sell them. He believes the Israeli companies are doing business in Kalkiya or other towns closer to Tel Aviv, to which access is easier.

Haboub now provides work for only five of the 15 workers he employed last year. "For me it is not a problem," he says. "I have

money saved. But for them it is a problem."

FORTUNATELY, the situation is not totally bleak. For a start, truck congestion is easing. At Erez checkpoint Monday morning, Ahmed Sayed, taking a consignment of refrigerators, and Mohammed Ghrem, taking concentrated fruit juice, are at the front of the truck-inspection line after a one-day wait. A month ago it took up to four days to make the one-kilometer journey down the line. Now, new chassis-checking facilities are in opera-

tion and more trucks are diverted to other crossing points at Sufa and Karni.

But easing exports could cause other problems. The closure drove down the prices of local fruit and vegetables because the clamp on exports produced a local glut. This has been key to Gazans' physical survival. Tomatoes, eggplants and cucumbers now cost under NIS 3 for a carton of 12 kilos. A carton of 30 eggs costs NIS 5. All this is bad for the farmer, but good for the consumer. However, until the closure eases imports of essential raw

materials, there will be no real easing of unemployment inside Gaza.

Little new money is coming in; savings are running out. In the Jabalya area, some miss the intifada, not because they want an uprising, but because the intifada brought economic benefits.

"During the intifada the border would be closed for a day or two, not like now. Any 12-year-old could work in Israel. If the conditions of the intifada were to return the situation would be much better for us," says Bet Lahya shirt-maker Rajab Al-Bass. But these are post-intifada times. Thanks to the intifada people have savings accumulated from that period of willingly accepted social austerity. But now they don't want to live austere.

"If I was making NIS 2,000 a month I would spend it all. I had savings of NIS 5,000 but spent most of it when I married two years ago," Rava says.

Abu Gama doubts that the economic situation alone will cause an uprising. The "intifada" was a reaction to humiliations by Israeli soldiers, not the economy. Although Israel is considered partly responsible for Gaza's economic problems today, a growing number also point to Hamas violence as a cause of the closures, to PA inefficiency, delays in donor aid, and Egyptian and Jordanian economic competition. Furthermore, trade with Israel, whose economy complements more than it competes with that of the Palestinians, is seen as a key to future Palestinian prosperity, several Palestinian economists believe.

Islamic extremism might turn out to be a bigger problem for the PA than for Israel if huge economic differences open up between the haves and have nots. This may be one reason for the current PA crackdown on Hamas. There have always been prosperous and less prosperous areas of Gaza, but the Abu Gama indicator shows these gaps are widening even inside the most depressed areas.

For example, more people in Jabalya are buying imported American foods than a year ago. Not just Kellogg's Cornflakes, but the full range of sugar-loaded kiddies' cereals, normally seen only in larger Israeli stores, are on sale at a local grocery store on the outskirts of the camp. For Jabalyans, a box of American cereal is equivalent to 50 kilos of tomatoes.

PA cements position as economic force in Gaza

CONSTRUCTION has increased by 200 percent over the past year, a leading Gaza cement manufacturer estimates, but most of it is public building.

Meanwhile, individual Gazans, feeling the economic pinch, have cut back by 50 percent.

Recently Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat dedicated a \$10 million housing estate for Palestinian policemen to be paid for by Japan.

Dozens of laborers are working on prestige projects like the public gardens on Omar Mukhtar Street in front of the old Israeli military headquarters.

Ordinary Palestinians, however, have dropped building plans, often in mid-construction, be-

cause of personal economic difficulties and higher costs.

"A 200-meter house which cost \$60,000 to build a year ago now costs \$80,000," says Eid Masoud, the owner of the Masoud cement company.

Cement now costs NIS 270 a ton compared with NIS 220 a ton a year ago. The closure, by complicating transportation of cement components, contributed to this extra cost by some 5 percent.

The PA also contributed to the price rise by jacking up the price of local sand from NIS 40 to NIS 100 a ton, Masoud says.

At one point, cement prices rose by 100 percent when Erez, the only crossing point, was sealed; but the price is dropping

now that the Karni terminal is operating.

House-building prices have also been affected by other costs uncontrolled by Israelis or Palestinians, such as higher wood and aluminum prices.

The public building has provided some 2,000 jobs, and is a source of pride to Gazans.

But it has also elicited comments from some Gazans to the effect that Arafat is building monuments to himself.

Whether or not the comment is fair, it is true that the PA is becoming the dominant economic force in Gaza, while small private workshops and their employees are suffering.

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Ahmed Maher Ali prefers the computer.

"It is difficult to produce good quality asphalt without this laboratory. We work according to American standards," he says.

With a production capacity of 150 tons an hour, Norco could turn out more than 450,000 tons a year, or three times as much as required by the current road-building program of the Palestinian Economic Council for Development and Reconstruction.

This summer, the peak season for road building, some 2,000 Gazans - all employees of the PA - are being used to lay asphalt.

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Rabin, Peres cease-fire off to shaky start

The PM said party peace is at hand, but his nemesis may be preparing to bite that hand once again, Sarah Honig writes

It isn't often that the Prime Minister's Office puts through a call to political correspondents. Usually, the contact is initiated by us. When the exception to the rule occurs, it's generally because the spokesmen around Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin are convinced that they have very good news.

So early this week, in upbeat tones reserved for major accomplishments, they phoned to impart the glad tidings that, in the immediate future, Rabin and his nemesis Shimon Peres would not be fighting ... at least not in public.

The two had met and agreed to temporarily remove from the agenda the thorny questions of how the next prime minister would be elected and the slate of Labor Knesset candidates determined. Peres hotly opposes not only the direct election of the prime minister, but also the party primaries for Knesset candidates, saying they have caused Labor untold damage and weakened the party's control over its MKs; moreover they will wreak total havoc in 1996.

"The dire predictions about a new round of feuding have not been borne out," crowed the elated voice at the other end of the line.

Of course, barely was the receiver down when a declaration came from Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin, whom Rabin had once labeled "Peres's poodle."

"The compromises Rabin and Peres reached mean nothing to me and certainly don't bind me.



Ex-IDF chief of staff Ehud Barak (left) is in no rush to board the Labor ship before assessing how seaworthy it is; Beilin: Direct election of the prime minister is no narrow factional issue. At stake is the continuation of democracy here. (Rabinger: Udiy)

I will raise the issue at the [June 5] Labor convention," he promised.

On Wednesday, Beilin took the bold step of calling a press conference to launch an unparalleled attack on the direct elections system. At the same time, while continuing to strike a defiant pose, he prudently modified his battle cry, vowing to fight only in the steering committee and bow to its decision.

Rabin's canine appellations aside, Beilin is certainly Peres's protégé. In their unequivocal opposition to Rabin's pet project of having a separate ballot for prime minister, Peres and Beilin have been of one mind and their resolute pronouncements were timed to coincide perfectly. It was hard for political observers to assume that Beilin's attempt to seek an about-face on direct elections was ever his own private whim.

The consensus among political pundits was that the Peres camp's fight was waged by proxy, with Beilin ostensibly in the vanguard, while Peres mostly kept his own hands clean.

The denials were always vehement. Beilin insisted, "This is no narrow factional issue. At stake is the continuation of democracy in Israel. Electing an all-powerful premier who won't be accountable to the Knesset, and an unbound system of checks and balances, will make the parliament meaningless. Ideological parties will cease to exist. We are on the brink of a terrible disaster."

"I am speaking as a social scientist and I am not alone in my view," Beilin continued. "I know that Rabin made a promise to the voter, but he has retreated from other promises. There is nothing shameful about admitting a mis-



take. If Rabin could repeal the capital gains tax, he can alter his position here, too."

Beilin is acutely aware of Rabin's lack of fondness for him. Doesn't he fret that his ostensible altruism will jeopardize his entry into the government? Beilin insists, "If that is the price I am forced to pay, then I will happily do so. I'm quite satisfied with my present job."

That may be so, but around Peres and Rabin there is agreement that Beilin has nothing to fear, because Rabin so dreadfully fears open warfare, with Peres. Rabin prefers having Beilin fight on Peres's behalf for a little bit longer, and then get snuffed, to having Peres embarrass him in front of the TV cameras at the convention. It's also more advantageous for Peres to have the defector of the Peres-camp uprising ascribed to Beilin.

Both Rabin and Peres willingly tolerate Beilin in the role of the fall guy with the clear understanding that this cannot affect his admission to the government. In fact, the entire elections system is seen as no more than an attempt by Peres to illustrate to Rabin what trouble he could face if he again leaves Beilin outside the cabinet room.

Peres, according to sources in both major Labor camps, agreed to back down from pursuing lofty democratic issues when Rabin promised him that Beilin would become a minister no later than August 5, the day the Knesset recesses for its summer holiday.

Peres is under mounting pressure from Beilin and the deputy minister's young allies to make good on his promises to Beilin, or

be judged unable to deliver. "Even now it's a bit late," Beilin reckons. He had threatened not to join the government at all after July, as later it will all become meaningless with election day drawing nearer. He reportedly exclaimed angrily at Peres a few days ago: "If things are delayed again, you can look for another minister."

As it appears now, Beilin won't be a minister by June 15 as had been arranged between Rabin and Peres. This is because former IDF chief of staff Ehud Barak is in no rush to board the Labor ship before assessing how seaworthy it is.

Rabin had insisted on the two coming in together; Rabin doesn't want to take in Beilin alone, thereby improving Peres's position. Besides, he doesn't consider Beilin enough of a public relations asset to justify the government's expansion.

Peres entreated Barak to join the government. This is the only way he can get Beilin in. The talk in Labor is that Barak has already agreed to an August date.

If that is indeed the case, then Beilin's ministerial aspirations can hardly be foiled by his playing the infant terrible on Peres's behalf, especially since it would serve Peres best to keep Rabin guessing and wary of him.

The most significant political note of the week wasn't struck in the cheery phone call from Rabin's office, but when Peres again refused to undertake not to challenge Rabin for the party leadership and nomination for the premiership in 1996.

"I will only decide at the last moment," he stressed.

Abnormal rules of normalization

Improving ties with the Arab world requires progress with the Palestinians and with Damascus, David Makovsky reports

As much as it may not like to admit it, Israel is discovering that the road to Arab North Africa and the Gulf states is running through Gaza and Damascus.

Senior Foreign Ministry officials in Jerusalem say that normalization with countries in those regions is stalled because it is being linked to progress with two core parties: Palestinians and to a lesser extent Syria.

With the Jerusalem expropriation issue put aside and progress just announced on the principles of security arrangements with Syria, Israeli officials believe the diplomatic process will return.

Specifically, they expect a "big push" after July 1, when an agreement is expected on expanding Palestinian self-rule.

While Israelis still resent that normalization is conditional on concessions to the Palestinians and Syrians, they have come around to admitting that these bypass diplomatic efforts have failed. Palestinians note that the Israeli normalization drive began with the Oslo accord anyway.

Diplomatic progress has been halted in the last half year. Despite a personal appeal by Prime Minister Rabin during a visit to Oman to establish relations, the Omanis decided to wait for the regional atmosphere to improve.

Qatar cooled contacts, citing identical reasons. Also called off was last fall's much-trumpeted plans to establish interest sections with Tunisia.

While Morocco has bucked the trend, its new liaison office in Tel Aviv is very low profile. The quasi-consular official, who is not an accredited diplomat and is authorized to do little more than stamp visas, insisted that no fanfare accompany his recent arrival.

An Israeli analyst, who asked not to be named, explained that "All these Arab countries in the Gulf and North Africa believe the peace process is vital, but they don't feel that they should move forward with Israel when things look bad. For now, Arab states are willing to subjugate any benefits that would accrue in dealing with Israel to the bigger cause, demonstrating some minimal Arab solidarity."

APART FROM bilateral issues, the multilateral peace meetings on regional cooperation have not yielded a major breakthrough in Israel-Arab cooperation. Talks have been ongoing since early 1992, and while they have yielded side benefits, the sessions often look to the public like little more than junkies for bureaucrats. Furthermore, plans for a Middle East development bank have bogged down, although the reasons are not just political but also linked to economic concerns of Europe and the Gulf Arabs.

There are other obstacles. First, Israel has to deliver some of the peace dividends that the Arabs expected, given Israel's political muscle in Washington. However, the political climate in the US changed radically with the congressional elections in November. The Omanis found that Washington could not even provide a \$30 million desalination project. Amman has run into trouble trying to clinch a \$275

million debt write-off from Congress, and was told that American modernization of Jordan's military would be minimal.

Second, while some Arab leaders favor normalization, according to analysts there is some resistance among the people. Many Arabs fear Israel is a growing political, technological and economic power bent on controlling them. Some Arabs point to the fact that Israel's gross national product is at least equal if not greater than that of Egypt, Jordan, Syria, Lebanon and the Palestinians combined.

Rabin went so far as to tell a visiting American Jewish group last week that Peres's vaunted vision of a "new Middle East" has "backfired," as it is stoking Arab fears of domination instead of prompting cooperation.

HEALTH MINISTER and Rabin ally Ephraim Sneh said that "anyone who thinks you can junk progress on Palestinians and still have a viable peace with Jordan is fooling himself. If it becomes manifestly clear that the Palestinian peace is going nowhere, the Jordanians will run away, as two thirds of that country is Palestinian."

Some say that concern for the normalization process may have had an effect on the Jerusalem expropriation issue, as the Jordanian and Palestinian tracks became effectively intertwined. Specifically, King Hussein sent word to Rabin early this week that the expropriation was hurting him as it led to a call by the Jordanian Parliament to freeze the peace treaty.

While deliberately refraining from mentioning the expropriation issue, a senior Foreign Ministry official in Jerusalem said that Israel now has to take into account factors it could not ignore in the past. In the pre-Oslo days, Israel could act unilaterally as it wanted on the Palestinian track, without worrying about grander implications for its ties with the Arabs.

The apparent effect is that Israel's decision-making maneuverability has shrunk to only cases where vital national interests are at stake.

The key challenge for policymakers will now be defining when vital interests are at stake—thus knowing when to dig in, or, if a key interest on the other side is at stake, knowing when one can afford to yield. As Ambassador to Amman Shimon Shamir said, "We are no longer at the point in history that we can disregard what our neighbors think. Perhaps some people have not made the mentality switch back home to this new era."

"However, I want to stress that this does not mean we will always make our decisions on the basis of what our neighbors want, but from now on this will be a factor in the decisions we make."

Ambassador to the UN Gad Ya'acobi said it was simpler a few years ago, when Israel was a pariah state and it could ignore the world. "It was easier then. You just woke up in the morning and said 'the whole world is against us.' Now that we are part of the international community, it is much harder."

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Attack leaves bullet holes, deep wounds

The parish priest of Jaffa's St. Anthony's Church, Father Abdel Masih, understands his community's response to Monday's shooting spree, Haim Shapiro writes

St. Anthony's Church in Jaffa had an almost triumphant atmosphere about it on Wednesday, as members of the church youth group wielded mops and brooms to clean away the wreckage left after an IDF soldier went on a rampage, emptying three magazines and throwing four stun grenades to vent his rage at statues, crosses, and other religious objects.

Only bullet holes, chipped masonry, and a large burn mark on a wall of the church, which is the Roman Catholic parish church of Jaffa, are left as evidence of the attack, which resulted in violent demonstrations for two nights running.

Father Abdel Masih, the parish priest, says he can understand the demonstrators. "They were right to show their anger," says Masih in a tired voice.

Masih says there were not only Christians, but also Moslems and even Jews taking part on the demonstrations. The protests, he adds, had no leaders. They were a true expression of the feelings of the people.

Uri Mor, director of the Religious Affairs Ministry's department for Christian communities, says that the intense feelings of the members of the community toward their church are understandable. For the Christian minority, surrounded by a Moslem majority in the Arab community and a larger Jewish majority around them, the church is not only a religious, but also a social center. It is a symbol of their identity, he says.

"Youths are turning to the church at a time when young people in the whole world are leaving it," Mor says.

Masih also speaks of the important role played by young people in the church. "Here, the basic group is ... young," he says.

St. Anthony's has a local congregation of about 1,000, he adds. It also serves between 5,000 and 6,000 foreigners, many of them members of the diplomatic corps, in the Greater Tel Aviv area. There is an elementary and secondary school, with a combined total of some 750 pupils, which follows the curriculum of the Education Ministry. The church has its own youth group and also sponsors groups of boy and girl scouts.

Wearing the brown robes of the Franciscan order, Masih apologizes for his strained voice.

For the past two days, he has been busy talking to the media, to delegations of Christian clergy, and to visiting government officials.

The day after the attack, Religious Affairs Minister Shimon Shetreet and Police Minister Moshe Shahal came to express the government's regrets and view the damage.

ON MASIH'S desk, in his office, lies a wooden head of St. Francis, shot off the body of a statue by the soldier. In the church itself, Masih points out how every image in the 12 stations of the cross had been hit, as had a statue of the Virgin Mary.

Most serious for Catholic believers was the single bullet hole in the door of the tabernacle, the small receptacle for the consecrated elements of the Eucharist.

"This shows that there is no respect for our beliefs," says Masih.

The fault, he says, lies in the Israeli education system, which does not teach young people what Christians believe. This young man, he says, referring to the attacker, had completed secondary school two years ago, but could not relate to Christianity as a system of beliefs which he had to respect.

Masih also questions the army, which, he says, allowed the perpetrator to go out with 100 bullets and four stun grenades.

"Does he need that for defense, or to attack Christians?" Masih asks.

He also has harsh words for the government, which he accuses of doing nothing to prevent continuing attacks on Christian institutions.

"What are they doing to avoid all these attacks in churches? They say peace, [but] they don't [provide] it," he says.

The parish priest insists that despite the attack, the church will continue to promote peace and understanding. The church has participated in meetings with Moslems and Jews, and has had many activities together with Jewish people, he says.

"In our church, we celebrate only peace," he says.

The attack he says, won't change that, but it may result in a greater emphasis on demanding rights for the church and its members.

"We want peace, but we also want to feel we have rights," he says.



Two women express their sadness over the church attack during services at St. Anthony's in Jaffa on Tuesday.

(IPPA/Gideon Markowicz)

Cool heads in the heat of the moment

POLICE must simply use their brains when dealing with riots of the kind witnessed in Jaffa on Monday and Tuesday night after the shooting spree at St. Anthony's Church by an IDF soldier, says the Tel Aviv-Jaffa police chief, Cmdr. Gabi Last.

"The police must use common sense and wise judgment in their use of force," says Last. "One mistake can easily destroy community relations built up over a period of time."

Disturbances were very violent on Tuesday, when youths threw rocks at police and burned tires.

Last stresses the importance of senior officers being present at potential riot scenes to oversee police intervention, based on what he calls a "global viewpoint and not just a focal one."

"Police on their own at a riot scene tend to react immediately and instinctively," Last says. "It is not pleasant when a protester spits at you or hurls a rock at you. Senior officers are there to exercise judgment beyond the immediate circumstances and to predict possible long-term consequences that may result from a spontaneous reaction."

One mistake by police this week in Jaffa could have sparked widespread rioting by Arabs all over the country, he says.

Each incident, however, must be evaluated according to the circumstances. "There is no set formula how to deal with riots or violent demonstrations," he con-

Policemen must pack common sense along with riot gear when going out to confront demonstrators, Tel Aviv police chief Gabi Last tells Raine Marcus

tinues. "We treat each case individually." Last stresses that instructions for dealing with riots are the same, whether protesters are Jewish or Arab.

LAST YEAR, during a Jaffa riot following the Cave of Machpela massacre by Baruch Goldstein, police used tear gas, water cannons and horses to disperse the crowds. At the time, police said there was no choice, as things had got out of hand.

The residents complained about "violent behavior" by police, as they did this week. Their complaints echoed those of demonstrators in Jerusalem and the territories who took to the streets this past year to protest government policies.

"We will not allow any element or body in Jaffa to stir up riots or disturbances," says the city's special operations officer, Dep. Cmdr. Ya'acov Shoval.

Police, he adds, acted with restraint this week until "rioters crossed the red line and forced us to react accordingly."

On Monday night and Tuesday, the stone-throwing rioters apparently did cross the "red line." Police were forced to disperse the crowds, though they did

so with relative restraint.

One police van was torched, and a few policemen and others were lightly injured during confrontations. But Last is not unduly worried about the loss of one vehicle.

Both this year and last year, criminal elements in Jaffa with their own accounts to settle with police were ready to "jump on the bandwagon," says Last. Groups of youths involved in clashes with police this week were not even from the Christian community, he says.

During the riots, both this week and last year, local community and religious leaders were called on to mediate between police and residents.

But the police at times will override the wishes of religious leaders when they consider it necessary. This week, for example, priests at St. Anthony's church did not want to let photographers and reporters enter the pre-

mises to view the damage. But Last insisted that media representatives be allowed in, "to show we have nothing to hide."

NEARLY TWO hours after soldier Haniel Koren's arrest, Last ordered the senior officers to leave the scene, to avoid provoking confrontations. But a few police vans were left a few hundred meters from the church, "just in case."

Rioting began almost immediately, and the police reaction was quick.

During the riots, Tel Aviv district policemen were put on standby at various locations.

In more serious rioting, reinforcements are often drafted from neighboring regions. This may be done during a riot, or before a demonstration, if problems are expected.

For major demonstrations in Jerusalem, plainclothes detectives from other areas are often

asked to give up their free days and weekends, don their uniforms, and assist their colleagues in the capital. Sometimes they are asked to remain in civilian clothes and mingle with the crowds.

Certain demonstrations demand other types of preparation. When hundreds of people protested government policy outside Prime Minister Rabin's Ramat Aviv home, police placed flyers in residents' mailboxes apologizing for the need to seal off main roads.

"We must consider community relations," says Last.

Last believes his decisions this week proved correct.

"You see, all this was over in a couple of days," he says. "It could have spread and lasted for much longer."

On Wednesday, life in Jaffa had returned to normal. Police were not evident on the streets, but hundreds of policemen were on alert in case rioting flared up again.

"Starting from this point, we showed them the limits and what we were prepared to absorb," Shoval says. "We hope that people in Jaffa will use common sense to restore normal relations and peace."

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Double standards on the consent of the governed

EYE ON THE MEDIA

DAVID BAR-ILLAN

RESPONDING to a letter asserting that the Likud would make slaves of the Arabs of Judea and Samaria by depriving them of the right to vote for the Knesset, I wrote in the April 28 column:

"This is not the place to debate alternatives to the Oslo agreement, but it is puzzling that no one ever seems to worry about America's democratic integrity because five million Puerto Ricans can only vote for local government but not for president or Congress. Nor does anyone consider pre-1962 America a tyranny just because about a million Americans living in the District of Columbia could not vote in federal elections."

Responding to this paragraph, reader Charles H. Manekin of Jerusalem writes:

"David Bar-Ilhan is 'puzzled' why nobody worries about America's democratic integrity for failing to grant 5 million Puerto Ricans rights to vote in federal elections. Maybe this is because the vast majority of Puerto Ricans are perfectly happy with their status, and hence they are governed with their consent, which is the first principle of

democracy. By contrast, the overwhelming majority of residents of Washington, D.C., also mentioned by Mr. Bar-Ilhan, consider themselves 'second-class citizens' because they have limited representation on the federal level. That is why they, together with millions of Americans including President Clinton, support statehood for Washington, D.C. Even opponents of D.C. statehood concede that the situation in Washington is a blemish on American democracy."

"Still, Mr. Bar-Ilhan is correct in stating that America was not a 'tyranny' when Washington residents were denied, for certain historical reasons, all federal voting rights.... But the US Congress decided that the situation was intolerable from a democratic standpoint, and so they received most of those rights."

"If Mr. Bar-Ilhan wanted to use an apt American analogy for Israel's current situation vis-a-vis West Bank Palestinians, he should have pointed to an earlier period of US history, when a large proportion of American inhabitants (Native Americans and African Americans), were ruled without their consent or partici-

pation. Many supporters of American democracy were as puzzled then as Mr. Bar-Ilhan is now as to why that was an affront to democracy."

"What Mr. Bar-Ilhan fails to understand is that democracy requires the consent of the governed, not the consent of the governing class or the victorious party; this we learn from the very cases of Puerto Rico and Washington that he cites. If he wants to argue that Greater Israel can be democratic, let him at least give his readers a real case of a modern Western democracy that (a) governs such a large percentage of its inhabitants against their will, and (b) does not offer them citizenship rights. If such a democracy exists, it is a very poor one."

This being a media column, the point I was making was not that the situation in DC or Puerto Rico (or Indian reservations) is "a blemish on American democracy," but that, in what can only be viewed as a double standard,

no one ever seems to worry about America's democratic integrity. While the whole world worries about Israel's.

Manekin may be correct in asserting that most Puerto Ricans are "perfectly happy" with their status, although in the 1993 elections the number of those who wanted the island to become the 51st state was almost as large as those who like the present arrangement.

But surely he knows that the now-dormant Puerto Rican Liberation Movement was once murderously active. In 1950, two of its members attempted to assassinate president Harry S. Truman, and one can only guess what turn Puerto Rican history would have taken had those would-be assassins and their cohorts enjoyed the kind of world support and approval PLO terrorism against Israel has received.

That democracy, by definition, requires the consent of the governed is hardly a revelation. But such axiomatic platitudes don't

always apply to national minorities. "Consent" is usually synonymous with the right to vote. But, as should be clear from the experience of Sri Lanka, Spain, Northern Ireland and even Chechnya -- to mention only a few countries currently in the news -- voting rights seldom satisfy national, tribal and religious aspirations.

Granting the right to vote for the Knesset to the Arabs of Judea and Samaria, for example, is hardly likely to satisfy the Palestinians. As the vast majority of Jerusalem's Arabs have demonstrated, other considerations -- including their fear of the PLO's reign of terror -- may claim precedence. It is doubtful that even Israeli Arabs truly "consent" to being governed by a Jewish state.

The only way to achieve such consent is to grant every national, ethnic, religious and tribal group the right to govern itself. But this would mean the creation of 2,000 (or 20,000) states in the world, rather than 200, and the certainty

of chaos. In Israel's case this certainty would be compounded by the threat of war implicit in the presence of a PLO-Hamas police state atop the state's major population centers.

There is no perfect democratic solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict, particularly as long as Arab society is undemocratic. (Those who piously advocate a Palestinian state seem to forget they are dooming Palestinians to life in a police state.) The most that can be done for large minorities with nationalistic aspirations is to grant them as much autonomy as is compatible with the state's security. Not an iota more.

ISRAEL'S MEDIA WATCH

Eager to prove statistically what every television viewer here knows empirically, Israel's Media Watch has studied the exposure time of coalition and opposition Knesset members' appearances on television news and news-magazine programs.

The study covered six weeks of *Good Morning Israel*, *New Evening*, *Mabat*, *The Week's Diary*, *Viewing the World*, *Second Look* and *Popolitica* on Channel 1; and *5 O'Clock with Reshef*, *News*

Next Question, *Gabi Gazit* and *Media File* on Channel 2. Exposure time was defined as any screen appearance in which the subject talks.

On Channel 1, the time allotted to cabinet ministers and MKs of the coalition parties constituted 74 percent of the total. On Channel 2, the government side had 71 percent.

The number of coalition members appearing on these programs was also dramatically larger. Thirty-three coalition members appeared during this period on Channel 1, versus 24 opposition MKs. On Channel 2 the numbers were 41 coalition MKs against 27 for the opposition.

It is, of course, true that government ministers generate more news than opposition leaders. But since most of the programs reviewed are of the magazine type, hard news was not a dominant factor.

Still, to support a charge of bias, a study should be made comparing opposition exposure today to the time given the opposition on television during the 1990-1992 tenure of the Likud government.

Holiness and holy sites

A VIEW FROM NOV.

MOSHE KOHN

JERUSALEM as an Arab/Muslim holy place is a relatively late invention. The city's Islamic sanctity -- "third holiest city after Mecca and Medina" -- was concocted for political purposes, both in the internal Arab/Islamic sphere and as a weapon against Jews and Christians.

Early in his career as the consummate Prophet, the founder of Islam, Mohammed (570-632), thought he would win over the Jews. They were numerous and powerful in his region, and it was mainly from Jews and the Tanach and midrashim that he got the stories, concepts and principles comprising the Koran.

To court them he designated Jerusalem as the direction Moslems were to face at prayer, as the Jews do.

Failing to gain their support, he made Mecca, site of the Ka'ba stone, originally holy to the local idolaters, the Moslem cyrcusore. This happened sometime between 622 and 624, after Mohammed fled from Mecca to Yathrib, founded and populated mostly by Jews, in anticipation of getting their support. (This *Hijra* [Mohammed's migration] marks the start of the Moslem Era.)

He settled in Yathrib and his forces soon defeated the Jewish tribes of the area in several battles and forcibly converted or massacred or expelled the rest. As a result of his residence there, the town was renamed Madinat al-Nabi, "the Prophet's City," or Medina for short.

The Medina oasis contains the Quba mosque, the first in Moslem history, and the Mosque of the Two Kiblas at Kuma, commemorating the change of the prayer direction from Jerusalem to Mecca.

It was in about 620, when his fortunes were perhaps at their lowest ebb, that Mohammed had the experience or vision on which Moslems base their claim to Jerusalem's sanctity.

The Koran, Sura 17:1, states: "Glory be to Him who made His servant go by night from the Sacred Mosque to the Remotest Mosque."

All agree that "the Sacred Mosque" is the Ka'aba. Opinions differ as to the identity of "the Remotest Mosque." Some say this refers to Medina; early Arab scholars maintained

that Mohammed was relating a dream of a journey to Heaven.

Those holding that it was a dream or vision cite the tradition originating with his young second wife, Ayesha, who said that on the night he was supposedly transported, "he was sleeping soundly by her side."

It has better suited Arab/Islamic politics to accept the tradition that he actually flew north mounted on Burak, the winged horse with the human face. After stops for prayer at Mount Sinai and Bethlehem, they landed at the site of the Temple in Jerusalem. There Mohammed tethered Burak and entered the Holy of Holies, where he found Abraham, Moses and Jesus praying together and joined them.

Heaven then lowered a ladder to carry him to the Seventh Heaven, where he entered God's house and was embraced by God. The ladder then returned him to Jerusalem, whence Burak flew him back to Mecca.

On the Temple Mount, on the rock housed in the Dome of the Rock (erroneously called "Mosque of Omar"), Moslems point to the footprint Burak left when Mohammed leaped onto his back for the return to Mecca. (When we recaptured the Western Wall on Iyar 28/June 7, 5727/1967, we found an Arabic/English ceramic plaque saying "Al-Buraq Road" affixed with nails to the Wall near the northern end of what was then the narrow Wall compound. When David Ben-Gurion visited the site that afternoon, he ordered an aide to remove the plaque; the man had to smash it.)

THE UMMAYYAD caliph Abdel Malik, ruling from Damascus, built the Dome of the Rock in about 692, seven decades after Mohammed's Night Journey and six decades after his death.

An anti-caliph arose in Mecca. The Arab historian Ya'qubi writes that when Abdel Malik heard of this he forbade the pilgrimage to Mecca, announcing:

"This rock of which it is reported that upon it the Apostle of Allah set his foot when he ascended into Heaven shall be

unto you in place of the Ka'aba." The 10th-century Moslem traveler/geographer Muqadassi offers the following reason for the building of the Dome as a Moslem pilgrimage site.

He once remarked to his uncle that the money spent on building the Dome might have been spent on more important purposes. His uncle replied that just as Abdel Malik's son and heir, Walid I, built the "Great Umayyad Mosque" in Damascus (still standing) to distract the Moslems from the beautiful churches the Christians had built during the centuries they dominated the country, so had his father, "noting the Church of the Holy Sepulcher and its magnificence, feared that it might dazzle the minds of the Moslems, and so built the Dome of the Rock."

Walid I, who reigned from 705 to 715, built in Jerusalem the mosque bearing the name of "the Remotest Mosque," mentioned in the Koran. That is the Aksa Mosque, also being Arabic for "farthest, remotest."

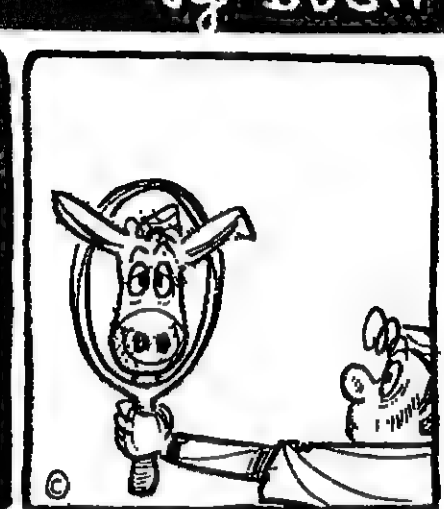
TWO CHRISTIANS -- a theologian and former Swedish Lutheran bishop and a British historian -- have noted the difference between Jerusalem's sanctity to the Jews and its sanctity to Christians and Moslems.

Harvard Divinity School professor emeritus Krister Stendahl wrote: "For Christians and Moslems, that term [Holy Sites] is an adequate expression of what matters. Here [in Jerusalem] are sacred places hallowed by the most holy events.... But Judaism... is not tied to 'sites,' but to the land; [is not tied] to what happened in Jerusalem but to Jerusalem itself" (*Harvard Divinity Bulletin*, September 1967).

Christopher Sykes wrote: "To Muslims, it is not Jerusalem, but a certain site in Jerusalem which is venerated... the majestic Dome of the Rock. To a Muslim, there is a profound difference between Jerusalem and Mecca or Medina. The latter are holy places containing holy sites...." (*Encounter*, February 1968).

(See *Whose Jerusalem?* by Eliyahu Tal, Jerusalem, 1994; Prof. Yosef Yoel Rivlin's annotated Hebrew translation of the Koran; *Islam* by Robert Payne, New York, 1959; *Encyclopaedia Britannica*, 1972 edition.)

BRULIK



God pays when the job is done

"If you walk in my statutes, and keep My commandments, and do them, then I will give you rains in their season and the land shall yield her produce, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit." (Lev. 26:3-4)

UNDERSTANDING how God rewards the righteous and punishes the wicked is one of the most difficult stumbling blocks on a journey toward faith. For if God rewards the righteous, why does prosperity often belong to the wicked, while good people find themselves buried under an avalanche of tragedy?

Upon examining this question of reward and punishment, it would seem that the Torah makes a distinction between the individual and the nation. The individual does not necessarily receive rewards in his lifetime, but the nation does. And the guarantee can be seen in the opening verses of this week's portion of *Behukotai* as quoted above: "If you walk in my statutes...."

The key word here is "you." Since the Torah uses the plural, the promise is to the nation as a whole. If we (the nation) keep the laws, God promises rains, food, security against attack -- all national considerations. But there are no warranties for individuals.

The Talmudic tractate of *Kiddushin* (39b) deals with the question of reward and punishment by looking at the life of Elisha b. Abuyah, a great talmudic scholar who became a heretic when confronted with God's bewildering ways. It happened that he once observed a child who died while simultaneously obeying two commandments which promise a reward of long life. The death broke the scholar's spirit.

The Talmud also records the influence of Hutzpit the Interpreter's death on Elisha's apostasy. In the days before microphones, interpreters with strong voices were needed to broadcast the words of the Sages in chambers.

SHABBAT SHALOM

SHLOMO RISKIN

For daring to teach Torah, Hutzpit was killed during the Hadrianic persecutions, and his tongue was tied to a pig's tail and dragged through the dust, a sight which tipped the scales of heavenly justice -- as far as Elisha was concerned -- in favor of there being "no judge and no judgment."

R. Ya'acov comments that Elisha simply didn't understand a fundamental truth of Judaism: there are no rewards in this world for commandments fulfilled by the individual. We do believe in an afterlife, in a world to come; that other world is the place where both the righteous and the wicked reap their just deserts.

I MYSELF received a profound insight into the complex issues of reward and punishment while visiting the Soviet Union in 1970. One Sabbath I found myself inside a synagogue in Riga. Four KGB agents accompanied me everywhere, even to the men's room. They were stone-faced, icy, intent on preventing me from making contact with worshippers. But at one point someone managed to whisper in Yiddish that at noon, after the service, there would be a kiddush in the basement.

And at noon, unbelievably, the agents vanished (apparently, KGB men also took an accustomed lunch break). I found my way to the almost pitch-black basement where I could make out a group of people, including the Torah chanter Reb Yisrael, sitting around a long table. There was a place reserved for me at the head, with bottles of vodka and sponge cake. "Make kiddush, teach Torah, we are very thirsty," they pleaded. Afterwards they sang and danced. The sequence of vodka, Torah, song and dance repeated itself

nine times, until I ran out of Torah thoughts for that weekly portion and the usual Soviet atmosphere of Tisha Be'av turned into Furim.

Finally, Reb Yisrael began to speak on the subject of reward and punishment. Pondering R. Ya'acov's statement in tractate *Kiddushin*, he asked the following: The Torah forbids the delay of payment to a day laborer, who must be rewarded immediately, before nightfall; but should the Master of the universe ask more from us than He is willing to do? Shouldn't we receive our rewards in this world, immediately after having performed a commandment?

I thought: How poignant a question this is, considering the commitment of these Jews and the constant danger they are in.

Reb Yisrael answered his own question. It's true that we're required to pay a day laborer at the end of the day, but there is a different law for contractors. They are paid only at the end of the project. That's why we don't receive our reward in this world. We are not day laborers before God. We are contractors, working on projects which began at our birth and conclude at our death. Only when we face the Heavenly throne will we know how well we did and if, indeed, we were even laboring on the right project. It is therefore fitting that there be no reward for commandments fulfilled in this world.

On that Sabbath Reb Yisrael opened what had been locked for so long. As individual Jews, each of us is given an important "contract," and our reward can only come at its completion. But if the nation does what it is commanded to do, keeping the laws in the spirit of the Torah, it becomes a light unto the nations by fulfilling its historic destiny, and the rewards exist in this earthly world. The nation's keeping of the commandments transforms our world of sin and tragedy into the long-awaited world of peace and truth.

Shabbat Shalom

A helping hand is vital to aiding the needy in our own backyard

FUNDS

BEVERLEE BLACK

CHARITY begins at home. On my way to work on Sunday morning, my mind was full of images from weekend TV: Rwanda, Zaire, Sarajevo and the slums of South America. But I'm afraid all this was forgotten when I started opening the morning mail.

A request for youth beds for a family of seven, as most of the children are sleeping on mattresses on the floor and the parents don't have the wherewithal to buy beds for them. An elderly woman living alone in a one-room flat, who needs a fan to help her get through the broiling heat in the summer. A new immigrant who can't continue his studies in nursing unless he gets money for traveling expenses. And other requests from social workers asking for toys, help in furnishing a clubhouse for youth in Galilee, and more.

Although the TV scenes are upmost in my mind, I have plenty on my desk to deal with. My appeal goes out to our

readers and friends, to help alleviate some of these problems by rushing checks to us as quickly as possible. Otherwise we won't be able to deal with these immediate problems in our own backyard. Please give generously. Send your checks to: The Jerusalem Post Funds, POB 81, 91000 Jerusalem.

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- No undertaking is given to accept the highest or any bid.
- The sale will be subject to the receipt of permits, as required by law.

They roll past travel problems for the disabled

A volunteer organization is working to ensure that there are no impossible travel dreams here, Haim Shapiro reports

ZVIKA Gur is the last person in the world who would want people to feel sorry for him, and he laughs as he tells about a trip on which he couldn't use a toilet all the way from Tel Aviv to Eilat.

"The worst of it was that after holding it in all that time, we got to a hotel in Eilat that was supposed to be wheelchair accessible and we found that the toilet doors were too narrow for our wheelchairs," he says, chuckling.

Gur wouldn't let something like that stop him, but he realizes that many disabled people would simply give up and stay at home. He wants to help them get out of the house.

He is the internal tourism coordinator for Milbat, the Hebrew acronym for the Israel Center for Technology and Accessibility. A voluntary organization, it provides information and advice, and also works to develop useful devices if they do not exist. Gur stresses that the aids and appliances they develop are not necessarily very sophisticated.

"We love low-tech," Gur says proudly as he displays one of his latest inventions, a chair-like donkey cart which can easily accommodate a wheelchair for touring country trails.

Sitting in the cultural center at Kibbutz Neveh Eitan in the Jordan Valley, where he lives, Gur says he wants to promote accommodation for the disabled in guest houses, rather than luxury hotels. By the time an Israeli family pays for a hotel, he says, they have no budget left to have fun.

To help the disabled enjoy themselves, Milbat, in conjunction with

the Joint Distribution Committee and the Valleys Tourist Board, has published a complete guide (in Hebrew) for the disabled in the area encompassed by the board: the Jordan Valley and Lower Galilee.

The guide, which makes extensive use of a countrywide survey conducted by the Joint, grades a wide range of facilities at every site - including paths, swimming pools, doorways and toilets - according to the degree of accessibility.

The Joint's survey is wonderful, he says. The only trouble is that it shows that the overwhelming majority of sites are inaccessible.

"It's like going into a restaurant and finding that you can't get any of the dishes on the menu," he says.

Gur stresses that although the project deals with a specific part of the country, he is always ready to answer any questions concerning tourism and travel for the disabled anywhere in the country. He has a special telephone number to answer such requests. He adds that although the message on his answering machine is only in Hebrew, he is fluent in English.

He also gets requests from people abroad who would like to visit here.

"To my sorrow, I have to tell them that I can't recommend a visit here," he says. For those who insist, he is ready to give a full itinerary with detailed information about exactly what is accessible and the telephone numbers of every site.

ZVIKA SHORER, the chairman of Milbat, notes that the absence of facilities for the disabled costs the country money in the form of lost



Milbat shows off its prototype of an all-terrain vehicle that takes handicapped people nearly everywhere.

tourist dollars. He cites a recent survey by the British journal *Holiday Care*, which found that disabled tourists and those accompanying them spent \$70 billion around the world last year.

Shorer, who gets along on crutches, notes that Israel is not the only country with less-than-ideal conditions for disabled travel. An accountant, he often travels abroad on business; in the U.S. rental-car companies will provide a device which allows for hand acceleration and braking.

"When I had to go to Europe, I assumed that they too must have such a device. I ordered one and even got a written confirmation," he says. When he arrived in Frankfurt, however, he found that the rental-car people there had never heard of such a device. He threatened to sue the company and got a car with a driver for three days, but this was not the

sort of solution he wanted.

As soon as he returned home, he found out who manufactured the device used in the US and arranged to import several for use in rental cars.

The Transport Ministry stopped the shipment, however, since it is not compatible with standards here. The ministry would not even allow Milbat to import the device so they could lend it to Israelis to fit onto rental cars when they went abroad.

"I became a criminal," he says with a grin, explaining that he simply arranged to bring back one such device in his luggage every time he went abroad.

Just to show what is possible, Gur arranged an outing with Ayal Yaffe, director of the Valleys Tourist Board. Using a specially adapted four-wheel ATV (all-terrain vehicle, known locally as tractoron), Gur took Milbat director Shoshi Gold-

berg-Meir along a forest track to the top of Tel Beit She'an, overlooking the Beit She'an excavations.

According to Gur, both the donkey cart and the ATV are prototypes. Now Milbat has to convince companies which offer donkey tours to buy the cart, and convince those offering jeep and ATV tours to buy the modified ATV, so that the companies in turn can rent these vehicles to clients. There are already horse-riding facilities with saddles adapted for the disabled.

"A person with the use of their feet just can't imagine how wonderful it is to be able to get somewhere you couldn't go before," Goldberg-Meir says with an excited grin.

Milbat, Tel Hashomer 52621, Israel. Their telephone number is 03-5303739. Zvika Gur's hot line for disabled tourism is 06-532630.

New fare war for trips to US

TRAVEL TIPS
HAIM SHAPIRO

THE first shot in the current price wars went off this week with British Airways offering one round-trip fare to New York for \$888 and an accompanying ticket for \$444. Tickets must be purchased by June 10 and the flight must be by June 30. The two passengers must travel together to the US, but they need not be related and they need not return together. The half-fare second ticket also extends to other destinations in the US, including Chicago, Boston and Miami.

CLAL TEUFA is offering a round-trip fare to London of \$309 until June 16. From then until July 16, the price is \$349.

OPHIR TOURS is offering packages to Prague and Budapest with prices starting at \$554 for a three-night stay in Prague and \$550 for a similar stay in Budapest, including breakfast and airfare. A combined six-night package for both cities starts at \$735.

FOR EXPERIENCED hikers, Swissair is offering The Bear Trail, a walking tour of five to seven hours a day through the Swiss Alps with overnight stays in hotels and heavy luggage transported each day to the next hotel.

Prices, including breakfast, are 495 Swiss francs (about \$412) for five days and 860 SF (\$717) for eight days, without a guide. With a guide they run to 650 SF (\$525) and 1,100 SF (\$917).

TSEL MIDBAR, the desert touring company based in Mitzpe Ramon, is running a series of three weekend courses in June for owners of four-wheel-drive vehicles who do not have experience in driving through the countryside.

TZABAR AND the Dan Hotel chain are offering a pre-summer special for couples and families with children. For example, a room for a couple and one child at the Dan Carmel and Dan Caesarea hotels is NIS 509 per night, including breakfast, while a similar deal at the Dan Panorama hotels in Tel Aviv and Haifa is NIS 474.

RASPBERRY lovers can pick their own berries at this time of year at the Zak farm in Sede Ya'acov, between the Hatishbi and Shomrim junctions in the Jezreel Valley. Visitors can also go to the poultry house, vegetable gardens and fruit orchards. The farm is open weekday afternoons and all day Friday; closed on Shabbat. Entry is NIS 8 for adults and NIS 5 for children. The price of berries varies according to the market price.

THE DOR beach has been reopened with facilities for the disabled, including ramps leading to the sea.

A BEACH has been opened at Jisr el-Zarka, an Arab village south of Haifa.

A Christian ghost town with a mysterious cross

SEE IT HERE
HAIM SHAPIRO

THE appearance of a cross in one of the principal cities of the New Testament might be considered quite natural - except that the city ceased to exist long before the cross became a Christian symbol.

"It is a complete mystery," says Dr. Elizabeth McNamer, professor of theology at Rocky Mountain College in Billings, Montana, one of eight institutions participating in the excavations presently being carried out at the site.

The cross, she says, was scratched on a potsherd which

archeologists found in a fisherman's house in the Hellenistic city of Bethsaida, where Jesus carried out much of his ministry.

Bethsaida was unoccupied by the Roman conquest in 67 CE, while the cross did not become a common Christian symbol until after Emperor Constantine made Christianity the official religion in the fourth century.

Today, Bethsaida lies on an inland hillside near the northeast shore of Lake Kinneret; access to the site is just south of the Jordan Park entrance. There is a sign at the entrance which says

that it is closed to visitors, but according to Dr. Rami Arav, an archeologist from the University of Nebraska in Omaha, thousands of people visit the excavations every year. Most of them, he says, are Christian pilgrims.

Arav says the excavations and reconstruction work, which would make the site suitable for visits by large groups, should be completed in about two years.

Arav adds that the city was apparently abandoned after the Jordan River changed its course, causing the bay on which the city was located to clog up with silt, and thus putting an end to the thriving fishing industry. Within the city, archeologists have found several homes with fishermen's tools, indicating that they undoubtedly belonged to fishermen, he says.

McNamer points out most of Jesus' disciples were fishermen. Early Christian tradition indicates three of the disciples, Peter, Andrew and Philip, came from

the town. Later medieval traditions say as many as eight of the disciples came from Bethsaida. "It was the city where the greatest number of miracles occurred," she says.

The city is very important to Catholics, since it was the birthplace of Peter, the first pope. At present, visitors can see and walk on the main street where Jesus undoubtedly trod.

In one of the houses at the site, there was a large underground storage area for wine jars. In one such house, the potsherd with the cross was found, McNamer says.

JERUSALEM DAY

Eve of Jerusalem Day Saturday, May 27 1995

- Singing Peace for Jerusalem at 9:15 p.m. at the Merrill Hassenfeld Sultan's Pool**
Greetings: M.K.Ehud Olmert Mayor of Jerusalem
David Broza • Nurit Galron • David Da'or • Habreira Hativit • Danny Litani • Gali Atari • Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra (BSA) • Oratorio Choir
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Jerusalem Day Sunday, May 28 1995

- Memorial ceremonies for the fallen of the Six Day War:**
3:00 p.m. - Mt. Herzl Military Cemetery
3:00 - 4:30 p.m. - at the memorial monuments
6:30 p.m. - Ammunition Hill
National Assembly marking the 28th anniversary of the liberation and reunification of Jerusalem
In the presence of the President, the Prime Minister, Mayor of Jerusalem and public figures

- Guided tours of the Municipality Complex Safra Square**
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
In Hebrew - on the hour in English - every two hours
Meeting place: Kikar Safra - near the palm trees
(Public Relations Department)

- "Rejoice in Jerusalem"**
Artistic program at 3:00 p.m.
The Yemen Heritage, Writer House, Jewish Quarter

- Mirel Reznick and his group Klezmer music at 4:00 p.m.**
Hurva Square

- Dance performances, 5:00 7:00 p.m.**
Botanic Gardens, the Hebrew University, Givat Ram.

- Underground Prisoners Museum (Russian Compound). Entrance free.**
at 11:00 a.m., former prisoner Mendel Maleiczki will conduct visitors round Museum.

- Endeavor March with singing, dancing and flags 3:30 p.m. from**
Zion Square through the gates of the Old City to the Western Wall
Assembly at the Western Wall 7:00 p.m., with M.K. Ehud Olmert, Mayor of Jerusalem

- Festive march of Israeli youth (Shelah)**
5:15 p.m. from Sacher park through the Ruppert Tunnel, Haim Hazzaz St., Herzog St., Golomb, to the Teddy Stadium.
Youth Assembly, Teddy Stadium, 6:00 p.m., with the Prime Minister, the Minister of Education, Culture and Sport, and Mayor of Jerusalem Artistic Program and fireworks

- Jerusalem Day Gathering, 6:00 p.m., Panorama Halls, Givat Shaul,**
in the presence of rabbis, public figures, and Bible Quiz prize winners. Artistic program. (Entrance fee)

- Jerusalem Day Party, 7:30 p.m., Paradise Hotel. With**
the participation of rabbis and public figures Artistic program (Entrance fee)

- Singing & Dancing March from 10 p.m. to dawn**
from the Mercat Harav Yeshiva and the Beit Orot Yeshiva to the Western Wall

- Klezmer music and dancing**
9:30 p.m. Hechal Shlomo plaza

Jerusalem Municipality Culture Department

- Jerusalem Day Party 8:00 p.m.**
at the Great Synagogue with Chief Rabbi Mordechai Eliyahu Rishon Lezion and Deputy-Mayor Shmuel Shkadi

- Jerusalem Salutes its teachers**
"Singing Peace to Jerusalem" 8:30 p.m. the Sultan's Pool Merrill Hassenfeld In the presence of M.K. Ehud Olmert Mayor of Jerusalem Jerusalem Municipality's Education Authority

Traffic Arrangements on Jerusalem Day

"March to Jerusalem" 6:00-8:00 p.m.
One of the lanes of Herzog St., from the Noyot Junction (Herzog/Shmuel/Shimon) intersection to the Teddy Stadium, will be closed to traffic.
"Endeavor" March, 3:30-6:00 p.m.
Jaffa Rd. will be closed to all vehicles from King George St. to Kikar Zahal.

Time in to 531 AM "Kol Yerushalayim - Kol Haderet" for details of traffic arrangements.

All those attending events are advised to use public transport.

Free parking at Jaffa Gate parking lot.
May, 27, from the end of Shabbat to midnight.
May, 28, from 7:00 p.m. to midnight.



22:00 19 9:00 מועד
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- Wednesday June 14 THE JORDANIAN BORDER OF PEACE**
Led by Menahem Markus, Geographer from the Nature Reserves, we'll see history in the making. We'll tour the border region now the center of cooperative efforts, the Sheikh Hussein Bridge - bombed in '46 and now rebuilt, Tzfat Zvi, Gaon Hayarden, Kikar Hayarden, Habitaranot, the observation post of Hamat Gader - meeting place of the borders of Israel, Jordan and Syria, the confluence of the Yarmuk and Jordan rivers and more, much more. Price: NIS 145

- Sunday June 18 IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE SANHEDRIN**
The Bar Kochba revolt failed, the Jerusalem Center was destroyed, 600,000 Jews died, thousands were forced into slavery. A new center arose in the Galilee, in Usha, Shefar'am, Zippori and Tiberias. Led by archeologist Motti Aviam, we'll tour Beit Shearim, Zippori and other significant sites. NIS 150

- Wednesday June 21 THE SUPREME COURT BUILDING**
Some say, "It's music frozen in time." The architecture of public buildings should be a reflection of the society in which it is born. Is it so? We'll also visit the Mormon University, Hebrew University Mt. Scopus campus, and the new Jerusalem Town Hall complex. Lunch. Tour Guide: Architect David Kroyanker NIS 140

- Monday June 26 THE STORIES OF SAFED**
When the Ari, Reb Yitzhak Luria, walked through Safed's narrow streets, not a day passed without a miracle occurring. Today, we go with historian Israel Shalem a guide who really knows how to recount the stories, to pass on the special atmosphere, the tastes and the smells. We'll visit the Jewish quarter, the "sleeping spring," the Abotav synagogue, Nahal Amud and more. NIS 145.

- Wednesday June 28 JERUSALEM BY NIGHT**
This is a different tour. All night bakeries, davening in Mea Shearim in the early hours, tomorrow's Post as it comes off the press, a tour of Angel bakeries, the Midrachov at midnight, the capital lit up from the promenade and a special - tour of Minharot Hakotel, the hidden part of the Western Wall. Incl. dinner at the Culinarium in the Cardo, to dine as the Romans did. Tour limited to 30 persons. Tour Guide: Carol Ann Bernheim NIS 190.

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Jerusalem 3000: Bring out the calculators

The celebrations are planned for King David's founding of Jerusalem as the capital of the Kingdom of Israel, but party poopers abound, Herb Kelson writes

ONE of the convenient aspects of Jerusalem Day, which will be celebrated on Sunday, is that we know exactly when it is.

The capital, as the events of this week have once again made abundantly clear, triggers not a few disputes. But one indisputable fact is that on the 28th of Iyar, 1967, the entire city fell into Israeli hands.

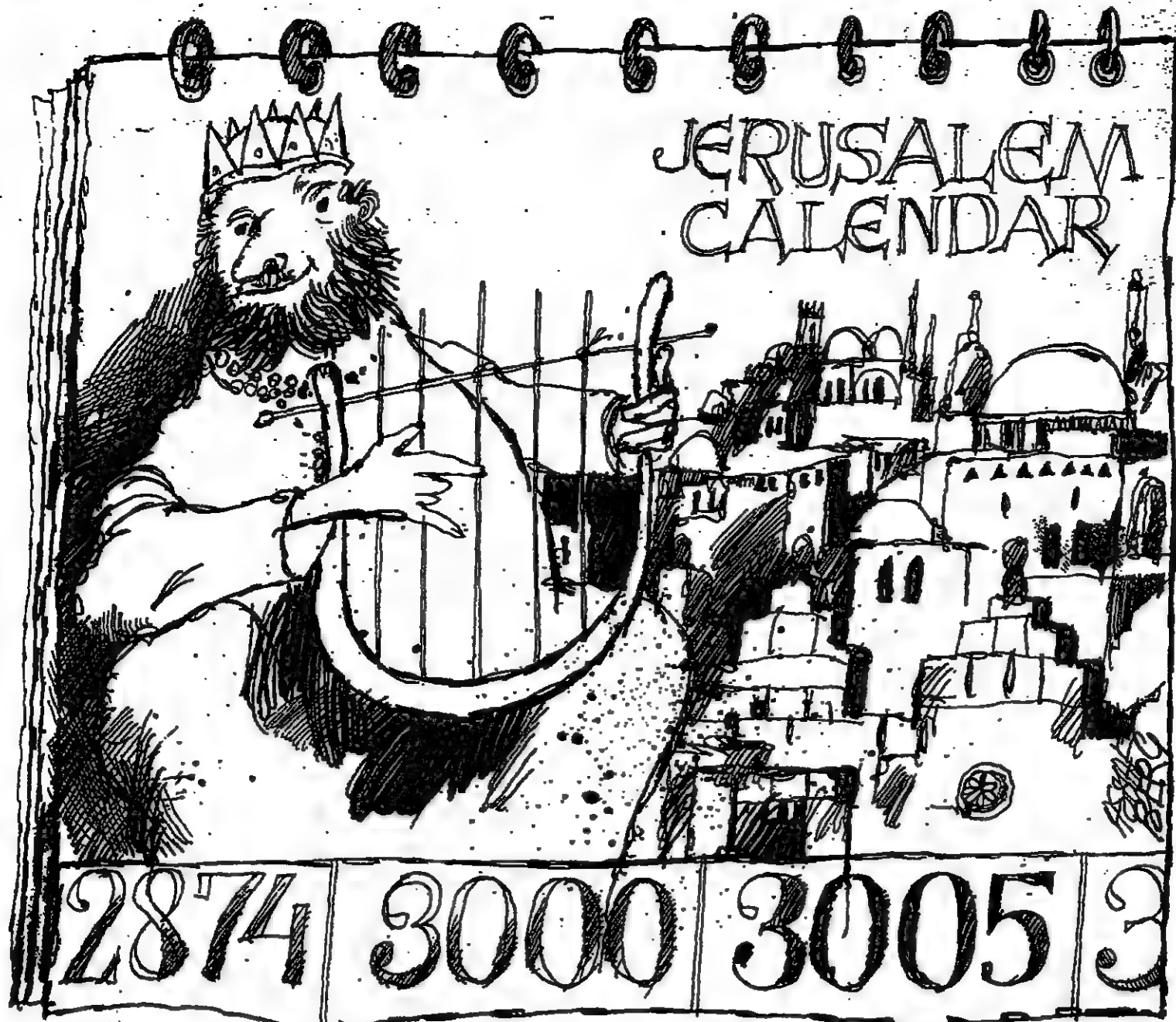
We have pictures of soldiers weeping at the Wall; recordings of Rabbi Shlomo Goren, who was then chief army chaplain, blowing the shofar there - and hundreds of thousands of people in whose memories the day Jerusalem was liberated is forever engraved.

But matters are not so clear when planning an anniversary celebration to mark 3,000 years since King David made Jerusalem the capital of ancient Israel.

When you throw a 3,000-year birthday party, you are going to run into trouble. Some will say, "What are you doing? Jewish Jerusalem is not 3,000 years old; it is already 3,005 years old." Others will argue that it's only 2,874 years old, and that the celebration has more to do with political exigencies than historical fact.

These are exactly the types of problems the organizers of the "Jerusalem 3000" celebrations have run into. These celebrations, conceived some four years ago by then-mayor Teddy Kollek, are due to start in September to commemorate "3,000 years since Jerusalem's founding by King David as the capital of the Kingdom of Israel," according to a news release by the celebrations' organizers.

ZVI RAVIV, the international coordinator of Jerusalem 3000, said the celebrations have come in for criticism from three fronts. "The Palestinians are saying that Israel is trying to deny the Arab nature of the city," he said. Secondly, some foreign diplomats are leery of



the whole affair. They are worried that the celebrations are not in honor of King David and his ancient capital, but rather a "trick," Raviv said; a subtle way to get them to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital, a way to "create facts on the ground."

And the haredim, according to Raviv, are

critical of the celebrations because of the content of the planned festivities, and also because they don't believe the 3,000-year anniversary should be marked until the year 2132.

Jerusalem Deputy Mayor Meir Porush of the United Torah Judaism Party said that haredi objections are first and foremost against the

nature of the celebrations, chock-full of operas, sound-and-light shows and gala symphony performances.

"These celebrations have no Jewish content," Porush said. "They are good for Washington, DC, but not for Jerusalem."

Porush also said that the date is inaccurate.

Many haredim believe that the 3,000-year milestone should not be marked until 2132.

This calculation is based on the *Seder Olam Raba*, a midrashic work on chronology dating from the second century that charts Jewish history from the creation of the world to the 30th of Kishlev, the year of the destruction of the Second Temple.

This work was written without extra-biblical sources. It chronicled the history of the Jewish people according to biblical dates, without taking into consideration the overlap in the reigns of different biblical kings.

Among modern biblical scholars and archaeologists, Raviv said, there is a general consensus that King David conquered Jerusalem from the Jebusites in the year 1004 BCE. This, he said, is based on both biblical and extra-biblical sources.

"David was thirty years old when he became king, and he reigned forty years," reads the biblical account in II Samuel 5:1. "In Hebrew he reigned over Judah seven years and six months, and in Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years."

THE JERUSALEM-based Ben-Zvi Institute released a circular supporting the determination of 1996 as 3,000 years since King David declared Jerusalem his capital.

According to the institute, the "selection of this date was based on a generally accepted, scientific determination, and according to the opinions of most biblical scholars, archaeologists and historians in Israel and abroad. The accepted date for this event is based on the account in the Bible, on archaeological data and on external sources, which confirm that it took place about 1004 BCE."

But not all historians agree. Mordechai Cogan, a Jewish-history professor at the Hebrew University, said that 1004 BCE is not the date of King David's reign in Jerusalem, but the date of the start of his 40-year reign over the Jewish people.

The first 7½ of those years he was in Hebron, and Cogan does not believe that conquering Jerusalem was one of King David's first acts.

What this means for us, he said, is that the celebrations should be three, five or seven years into the future.

Raviv acknowledged that there is some question within the scholarly community as to the exact date, but said 1996 "is a pretty good average."

He denied, however, that there were political reasons for picking 1996. "When this all started," he said, "there was no such thing as the Oslo agreement, and no one knew that Jerusalem would be at the center of international attention."

The lord would meet the cardinal - anywhere but here

GRAPEVINE

GREER FAY CASHMAN

IN principle, he is prepared to share a platform with Jean-Marie Cardinal Lustiger, the Jewish-born cardinal of Paris, "anywhere except Israel," Lord Jakobovits, president of the Conference of European Rabbis and former chief rabbi of the British Commonwealth, admitted this week. Jakobovits, who was scheduled to participate with Lustiger in last month's Tel Aviv University ecumenical conference on "The Silence of God" during the Holocaust, withdrew at the request of Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Yisrael Meir Lau.

Jakobovits, visiting relatives here, explained that in Israel "he is my rabbi too." Lau had used some persuasive arguments to convince him, he said, but what had really clinched it was the fact that TAU had invited somebody as eminent and controversial as Lustiger without consulting or notifying Lau in advance.

BOTH LORD and Lady Jakobovits are internationally celebrated orators. But in their 46½ years of marriage, Lady Jakobovits told Emunah members and support-

ers at the home of Rabbi Emanuel and Reza Quint, they had never before appeared as speakers on the same program. Having done so in Jerusalem, they are now prepared to accept further invitations as a double act.

IF THE way to a man's heart is through his stomach, the path to peace, reasons food maven Phyllis Glazer, is via the kitchen. With this in mind, Glazer will next month take three Israeli chefs to Jordan, where they will demonstrate their culinary skills at the Intercontinental Hotel in Amman.

IN ADDITION to attending numerous events marking the 50th anniversary of the Allies' victory over the Nazis, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres had a more personal 50th anniversary. Peres took time out to join his wife, Sonia, in celebrating their golden wedding anniversary. The couple, together with their children and grandchildren, spent a relaxed weekend at the Lower Galilee kibbutz of Almut, where they were married half a century ago.

THE LAST thing that Haim Stern expected when he wed Debbie Gofar was to be upstaged by a television star. The couple's re-



Lawrence Weinbach (right) schmoozes with Bezek CEO Yitzhak Kani and Josef Kasierer at a celebration of the link-up between a local and an international giant. (Samir Farag)

ception in the Sheraton Tel Aviv's Twelve Tribes banquet room had just begun when one of the guests, who was facing the

open doorway, recognized a man in the corridor who was waiting for the elevator. "Victor Newman!" he screamed and ran outside to embrace Eric Braeden who plays Newman in the TV soap *The Young and the Restless*. Other guests, including the photographers, immediately followed in hot pursuit.

Curious as to the cause of the commotion, the new Mrs. Stern, who has never seen the series, trailed after the throng and received a kiss from Braeden as did many of the female guests. The close encounters with a perfect stranger were photographed for posterity.

SPEAKING AT the Shenkar College 25th anniversary dinner, David Perlick, chairman of the Shenkar board of governors, told the story of an American garment manufacturer who was looking for an accountant.

Interviewing the three most promising applicants, the last question he asked of each was, "How much is two plus two?" The first, who was religious, replied: "With God's help, it's four." The second replied: "It's definitely four." The third shot back, "How much do you want it to be?" Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who joined in the general laughter, was astounded. He was aware that politicians could distort things, he conceded, "but I thought that in business, figures were figures."

Indeed the most pleasing figure for the night was a \$1.5 million donation toward Shenkar's new campus contributed by the Israel Textile Association via Mordechai Baron, chairman of the Textile and Fashion Section

of the Israel Manufacturers' Association. Baron, along with Leonard and Anita Boxer of New York and Max and Pearl Ann Mareo of California, were the recipients of honorary fellowships in recognition of their work for and donations to the college since its inception.

Shenkar president Amotz Weisberg announced a "first installment" of \$50,000 (about NIS 240,000) as a gift toward the new campus on Peter Wolf's of England. "I will not be disappointed if someone will stand up and say, 'I match it,'" he declared.

To those who wondered what a politician might be doing in the fashion business, Rabin singled out "my wife's involvement" and then went on to pay an eloquent tribute to the industry's contribution to social values and the national economy. Lea Rabin cut a fine figure in a classic ivory suit. Very few fashion designers were in attendance; the reason for their absence was provided by Riki Ben Ari, who in addition to being a celebrated designer both here and in Paris, is a Shenkar faculty member. Ben Ari, who did not receive an invitation from the college, was bullied into coming by a friend who had an invitation for two.

SOME PEOPLE will travel a long way for a good cause. That was the lesson learned by Doreen Gainsford, founder of MiniGifts, a nonprofit organization which set up a network of cottage industries for new immigrant women. Gainsford was offered a charity night by the ITT Sheraton's Israel within the framework of their American Chefs Salute to

Tourism dinners. But there were two catches: she and her husband, John, had only two weeks in which to arrange a small dinner for MiniGifts supporters, and she would have to bring her guests - most of whom live in Tel Aviv, Herzliya Pituah, Kfar Shmaryahu and Savyon - to the Sheraton Plaza Jerusalem's Cow on the Roof. Most of the guests were originally from the UK, the US, Canada and South Africa. Among them were Ruby and Feige Zimmelman, known for their Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce and UTA activities; Mark Belberg, a member of the well-known family of Canadian philanthropists; former Marks and Spencer managing director Henry Lewis and his wife, Jenny; and attorneys Sheela and Michael Fox.

MiniGifts has created jobs for some 250 women aged 46 and over, mostly single parents.

VETERAN AMERICAN transplant and public relations executive Burton Halpern doesn't usually go around blowing the family trumpet. But this time the proud papa could do no less for his youngest son - Yisai Halpern, a former Tel Aviv fashion photographer - than he does for his clients.

The junior Halpern, who is studying cinema at City College, New York, has received the coveted Princess Grace Award for Film. He was one of 11 film category award winners from universities throughout the US. And at City College itself, his new feature-length film, *Riverside*, about a young artist in the Big Apple, was named the best screenplay at this month's CCNY Picker '95 Film Festival.

TEN YEARS after he established a Yiddish library at Tel Aviv University, William Margulies, brother of feminist leader and English literature expert Alice Shalvi, yesterday inaugurated a program of Yiddish studies - in memory of his parents Ben Zion and Perli Margulies - similar to the one he funded at University College, London. By coincidence, the program is being launched at a time when cutbacks in government and municipal funding threaten the future of Yiddishspiel, the Tel Aviv-based Yiddish theater company, which last year sold more than 34,000 tickets. (It is ironic that Poland can support a Yiddish theater but Israel can't.)

Yiddish is important, says Margulies, because research into modern Jewish history in the West cannot be done without knowledge of Yiddish. "It's an essential part of Jewish culture, and it would be a terrible tragedy if future generations grew up without understanding the language of their ancestors."

THIS PHILOSOPHY is also espoused by Shlomo Lahat, who sits on the board of Yiddishspiel, which was founded during his term as Tel Aviv mayor. A ubiquitous exponent of Yiddish, Lahat is also a deputy chairman of the TAU board of governors. The university this week awarded Lahat an honorary PhD for helping develop the city during his tenure at City Hall.

AT A reception which Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert hosted last week in honor of Slovenian President Milan Kucan, the toast was in orange juice, which, though refreshing, was not exactly the drink of preference for the Slovenian guests. When Olmert comes to his country, Kucan assured him, the toast will be "in good Slovenian wine."

SOMEWHAT embarrassed when the video promotion he had intended to show to members of the Israel-Australia Chamber of Commerce broke down, Douglas Townsend, investment commissioner for Austrade - a government agency to encourage foreign investment - commented: "Maybe we need some technical cooperation with Israeli companies very quickly."

FALLOUT occasionally has disastrous results, but on this occasion it spelled success. The rate of progress in cutting a deal between his company and Israel could be measured by the amount of hair the negotiator for the Arthur Andersen worldwide accounting organization lost in the process. Andersen CEO Lawrence Weinbach got together with Israel's captains of industry at a glittering reception at the Tel Aviv Museum to celebrate the link-up between A.A. and Luboshitz, Kasierer and Co., one of the country's largest accounting firms. Luboshitz, Kasierer founder Josef Kasierer, who will in future act as a consultant to the American-headquartered company, was presented with a beautifully wrought silver platter from Tiffany's, definitely better than a gold watch.

Which just goes to prove the truth of the old maxim that speech is silver and silence is golden. Despite selling his shares to A.A., Kasierer will still have something to say.

MORE TOURISTS are coming to Israel from Malaysia and Indonesia than anyone realizes, says Gerry Aronov, editor of *Israel Travel News*. Aronov has just completed a comprehensive brochure on Israeli tourist attractions of special interest to Moslems. Scheduled for release next month, the brochure will be published in Arabic and English. It is still imperfect, admits Aronov, but contains a lot more information than any previous attempt.

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Session 2: 11:30-13:00, Humanities Computing Centers

Prof. John Unsworth, University of Virginia; Prof. Andrew Armour, Keio University, Japan; Dr. Marilyn Deegan, Oxford University, UK.

Session 3: 14:30-16:00, Archives

Dr. Edward Higgs, Oxford University, UK; Dr. Tuvia Friling, Ben-Gurion University; Dr. Irit Keyman, Hagana Archives.

Tuesday, June 6, 1995

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Sir Charles Chadwyck-Healy, Chadwyck-Healy Ltd., UK; Dr. Ruth Glynn, Oxford University Press, UK; Michael Alexander, The British Library, UK.

Session 5: 11:00-12:30, Artifacts and Museums

Dr. Seamus Ross, The British Academy, UK; Costis Dallas, Director, Foundation of the Hellenic World, Athens; Lou Burnard, Oxford University, UK; Dr. Mark Greengrass, University of Sheffield; Prof. Bezalel Nardiss, Hebrew University, Jerusalem.

Session 6: 14:00-14:45, Humanities Computing and the University

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IEC profits plummet 53% Dollar plunges on rate concerns

THE Israel Electric Corporation reported a 53 percent drop in first-quarter net profits to NIS 62.4 million from NIS 132.5m. in the comparable quarter last year.

Revenues rose 10.6% to NIS 1.45 billion from NIS 1.31b. Funding costs of NIS 160m. were cited as responsible for the fall in profitability.

Operating profits fell to NIS 254m. from NIS 276m.

Sales of electric power rose 14%. IEC said the price of electric power to the consumer fell 0.4% during the first quarter.

The company's balance sheet stood at NIS 23.4b. on March 31

COMPANY RESULTS

RACHEL NEIMAN

1995, up from from NIS 20.6b.

The rise was attributed to IEC investments, funded primarily from long-term loans.

Clal Industries first-quarter net profits rose to NIS 57.5 million from NIS 30.9m. in 1994. Earnings per share were NIS 0.41 from NIS 0.23. Revenues were NIS 555.4m. from NIS 507.7m. last year.

Dead Sea Works reported increased net profits of NIS 29.77m. from NIS 25.4m. in

1994. Earnings per share were NIS 0.10 from NIS 0.06. Quarterly revenues were NIS 277.76m. from NIS 235.6m. A 23% rise in the world price of potash was the reason for the increase.

Jerusalem Economic Corporation experienced first-quarter net losses of NIS 14.9m. from net gains of NIS 5.2m. in 1994. Revenues were NIS 28.77m. from NIS 26m. in the previous year.

The Tel Aviv Central Bus Station posted a NIS 6.9m. net loss for the 1995 three-month period from a NIS 5.8m. net loss in 1994. Revenues were NIS 8.3m. from NIS 7.7m.

NEW YORK (Reuters)—The dollar resumed its long slide yesterday on heavy selling by American investors, as growing signs of a marked slowdown in the economy fueled concerns about falling interest rates.

"Everything points to an economic slowdown. The credit market is already talking about an interest rate cut," said one dealer, noting the ongoing US-Japan trade conflict is another factor.

"It all bodes for a lower dollar."

Long-term interest rates fell to their lowest level in 15 months on Wednesday on mounting evi-

dence the economy was slowing after the government reported a steep drop in durable goods orders in April.

Yesterday, a national realtors group said home sales fell a surprisingly steep 6.4 percent in April, while the number of people filing claims for unemployment benefits rose by an unexpectedly large margin in the week ended May 20.

The data reinforced the view that the economy may be slowing down too much, which could force the Federal Reserve to cut short-term interest rates before the end of the year.

Lower rates tend to make the dollar less attractive to investors.

The Fed, the nation's central bank, raised rates most of last year in a bid to slow the economy's rapid expansion and ward off inflation.

The dollar's fall through a key support level at 1.4285 German marks triggered more selling, and the drop sent investors scurrying for cover ahead of the holiday weekend in the US and Britain.

It slid nearly 3½ pence and more than two Japanese yen, to 1.4050 marks and 85.05 yen in late morning trading. The dollar

stood at 1.4392 marks and 87.20 yen late in New York on Wednesday.

The drop was accentuated by thin trading due to the Ascension Day holiday in much of Europe, while American traders were gearing up for the Memorial Day holiday on Monday.

Already limping, the dollar was further hit by rumors that Mexico may default on government bonds. A Mexican Finance Ministry official said the rumors were "absolutely false."

There was also talk an unnamed Mexican bank may default on a loan.

ECI gets \$5.8m. order from Deutsche Telekom

RACHEL NEIMAN

ECI Telecom has received a \$5.8 million order from Deutsche Telekom for its PCM-11 pair gain products. Deutsche Telekom will be the first telecommunications provider to implement the system.

ECI was awarded 50 percent of the total Deutsche Telekom order, and two other vendors will supply the remaining 50%. Delivery of the order will take place over a 12-month period, beginning in the 1995 fourth quarter.

PCM-11 uses High bit-rate Digital Subscriber Line (HDSL) technology to pro-

vide up to 11 voice circuits over a single twisted copper wire.

ECI general manager for access network products Uri Kashit said the Deutsche Telekom order is the forerunner of similar products to be marketed in North America and Europe.

Deutsche Telekom has also placed a \$3.9m. separate order for additional ASLMX multiplexer units, to be delivered during the 1995 third and fourth quarters. ECI is presently delivering a \$60m. order of ASLMX units, announced in August 1993.

Poraz to court: Don't link all elements of judges' pay

EVELYN GORDON

THREE elements of the wage increase recently given judges should not be given to people whose salaries are linked to those of the judges, MK Avraham Poraz (Meretz) demanded in a petition to the High Court of Justice yesterday.

The petition noted that the Knesset Finance Committee, which sets judges' salaries, said certain elements should be given only to practicing judges—a 15% special supplement, a 5% management fee for court presidents and their deputies and a 50% increase for any judge not promot-

ed to a higher court within seven years.

The latter two, Poraz noted, are meaningless except to a practicing judge. Furthermore, he said, the 108 people whose salaries are linked to those of the judges have their own special supplements, so there is no reason to give them these.

In any case, however, the government has no right to ignore a decision of the legislature, he said—a decision which was made partly because of the Treasury's own warning that full linkage would have a disastrous effect on public-sector wages.

The committee's decision,

Poraz added, even excluded non-practicing judges, such as the director of the courts administration.

Linkage can apply only to raises given all judges, he argued.

Poraz also discounted Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair's opinion that the government was contractually bound to give these raises to the other 108 people, because Ben-Yair is one of those who would benefit from the linkage.

While Ben-Yair has said he will voluntarily forego the raise, his personal interest disqualifies him from ruling on the issue, Poraz said.



Poraz: Government has no right to ignore a decision of the legislature. (Flash 90)

Private housing starts fall

JOSE ROSENFELD

PRIVATE housing starts in the first quarter fell 7.7 percent to 8,800 units from the previous period, as public housing starts shot up 86% to 9,170 units during the same period, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported yesterday.

When combined, private and public housing starts rose 24.3% to 17,970 units, or nearly doubled compared to the first quarter last year.

The supply of housing under construction increased 13.1% to 82,000 units, surpassing the levels reached in the third quarter of 1992, when the government froze public construction.

Private sector units under construction reached a record 54,900, more than double the number of units at the end of 1989, when the large immigration wave from the Soviet Union began.

Public sector units under construction expanded 38.3% in the first quarter this year.

By contrast, housing completions fell 4.6% to 8,090 units.

Public sector completions dropped by more than a quarter to 1,690 units, while private housing completions increased a mild 3.2% to 6,400.

Cable & Wireless profits down

LONDON (Reuters)—Cable & Wireless Plc, the British telecoms group with core activities in Asia and the Caribbean and which recently bought a seven percent stake in Bezeq, reported lower year profits yesterday but promised a return to profit growth despite fierce international call-tariff rivalry.

Pre-tax profits for the year to March 1995 fell to £844 million from £1.1 billion the year before on turnover, up 9% at £5.13 billion.

The profits drop was largely due to £300m. of one-off charges related to its British arm Mercury Communications, where 2,500 staff cuts have been announced. But Cable said even the underlying performance was disappointing.

"Our underlying earnings per

share were flat... We are not making any excuses—this was a disappointing result and one we do not intend to repeat," chairman Lord Young said in a statement.

Excluding exceptional items, pre-tax profit rose 5.1% to £1.14b.

Chief executive James Ross said in an interview he was still confident Cable could continue to grow its margins but would need to make a number of further cost reductions.

Ross said the group was planning a range of cost reductions, including cutting expenditure on business development to around £20m. this year, nearly a third down on the total it spent last year.

Leumi Mortgage Bank earnings up 35.8%

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

BANK Leumi Mortgage Bank, a subsidiary of Bank Leumi, completed the first quarter with a 35.8 percent growth in net earnings, NIS 8.1m. from NIS 5.9m. in the corresponding period last year.

Net return on equity on an annualized basis decreased to 14.8% from 15.4%.

Earnings from financing operations before provisions for doubtful debts grew 8.4% to NIS 27.1m. Provisions for doubtful debts decreased 17.1% to NIS 2.9m.

Operating and other income increased 7.8% to NIS 11.1m. The rise was offset by an 8.8% rise in operating expenses, to NIS 21.5m. from NIS 19.7m.

Credit to the public increased to 10.3b. from NIS 9.8m. Total assets rose 5.2% to NIS 11.2b.

Futurekids learning center to open here

JUDY SIEGEL

FIVE to 10 computer-learning centers for children and adults will open here during the coming year as part of the Futurekids chain.

The centers have taught hundreds of thousands of youngsters at 1,500 branches in 35 countries around the world.

The corporation was established in Los Angeles 12 years ago by Peter Markovitz, a former South African Jew who studied filmmaking. Markovitz, 35, who visited Israel for two days this week, announced that Futurekids' exclusive representative in Israel will be Philip Bendheim, the 42-year-old managing direc-

tor of InterFranchise (Israel) Ltd.

Bendheim, the son of the New York philanthropist and businessman Charles Bendheim, moved to Jerusalem last summer. Bendheim plans to carefully select franchise entrepreneurs, who must put up between \$100,000 and \$150,000 in capital.

Futurekids, which has franchises in such diverse places as Canada, Pakistan, Nepal, Bahrain, Denmark and Jordan, teaches children aged three to 16 how to use a computer. But it goes beyond mere game playing

or word processing. Markovitz said in an interview with *The Jerusalem Post*. "They also learn book publishing, graphics, multimedia and computer communications on a high level—teams of two and with direction by well-trained counselors." He added that as an observant Jew, he was particularly pleased that his chain was spreading to Israel, which "can become a superpower by mastering technology" and use this influence for the good of all mankind.

Understanding Risk

(Third in a four-part series for investors)

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WORLD MARKETS REPORT

● **US 7-BONDS**—Exceptionally weak US durable goods figures along with recent economic data, confirmed the slowdown in the US economy. Durable goods orders fell by 4.0% in April, against an estimated market fall of 0.5%. The yield on the benchmark 30 year bond fell sharply to 6.79%, a level not seen since February 1994; the bond market now expects the next move in US interest rates to be down.

● **US DOLLAR**—The dollar tried to overcome the strong resistance against the D-Mark at DM1.45 discussed last week, and rebounded to trade at DM1.43. It is likely the dollar will resist the former resistance in the coming week.

● **UK GILT**—A downward revision of first quarter GDP figures from 0.2% to 0.1% was further evidence of a slowdown in the UK economy. The 10 year long gilt rose more than 1.25p on the news, to yield slightly over 8%.

● **UK EQUITIES**—Further evidence of slowing economic growth on both sides of the Atlantic, and growing hopes that the US could have reached the top of the interest rate cycle, saw the UK equity market close at a 15 month peak. Early prices were pulled higher by gains in UK Treasury bonds which in turn lifted the Gilt. (While the trend remains positive, the FTSE-100 is overbought and consolidation to bring the index back to support around 3210 seems likely in the short term. Excellent corporate figures this week from Baxi (Baxi, 55p) and Carlton Communications (CCAL, 94p) highlighted their continued long term attractions.

● **ASIA-PACIFIC**—Hong Kong, reached a 1995 high of 9404 on Wednesday, as investors, encouraged that US interest rates had peaked, bought the only stock. In the short term the Hong Kong is extended over its moving average, with support around 9000. Further upward progression may be tempered by significant resistance at 9500. Stocks which attracted buying were China Light and Power (0022.HK, HK\$42.00) and Amoy Properties (0101.HK, HK\$7.05), which at an estimated 48% discount to NAV of HK\$14.00 looks attractive. In Singapore, the banking and property sectors were sought by investors. After a sharp rally from a May low of 2058, short term profit taking could take the Straits Times index back to support currently at 2120-2140, from the current level of 2165.

● **SOUTH AFRICA**—The Johannesburg Stock Exchange was steady on the week, supported by buoyant technical support to reach a low of R370 against the dollar. In the short term, the dollar is overvalued against the rand and a fall back to R16.50 can be expected. The feature of the week was the listing of hemochromatosis group, Chromecorp (COMAL, R7.45). Offered at R5.00, the stock quickly traded to a 50% premium. On continued strong demand for sales, any weakness in Chromecorp should be seen as a buying opportunity.

● **GOLD**—In response to the rally in silver, but due to the weakness of the dollar, bullion was maintained within its trading range of US\$382-385. Trading activity was thin ahead of the European holiday.

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AT the Young Women's Christian Association technical college in Jerusalem yesterday, a class received a lesson in democracy.

"Do you feel you are in democratic school," they were asked. "Do you feel you can express your opinions freely?" The answer to both questions, designed to arouse their interest, was an emphatic "No!"

The practice of democratic self-rule, a concept which most Palestinians support verbally, is suddenly becoming a serious matter as elections for a Palestinian civil administration are due to be held soon after 27 years of military rule.

Talks on elections are to be completed by July 1 and elections themselves could take place by autumn, according to Environment Minister Yossi Sarid.

Several Palestinian organizations are trying to prepare their society for the transition, which goes far beyond elections. Naseef Muallem explained to the 50 young women aged 18 to 20, the majority of whom are Moslem.

Muallem, executive director of the Palestinian Center for Peace and Democracy, told them, "You cannot say democracy is only elections, which are only once every four years. Democracy is a way of life in society. Democracy begins in the family."

In response to explanations of freedom of speech, equality for women, minority rights, and other concepts related to democracy, one student wrote in a questionnaire afterwards, "I am going to tell my brother about what I have learned, because he is dead set against democracy."

JON IMMANUEL

Marwan Burgan, director of the Washington-based International Foundation for Electoral Systems, has organized 153 similar seminars in Palestinian schools since March. He said that Palestinian youth who grew up during the intifada or on memories of it see democracy mainly as protest rather than participation.

Once he asked a 15-year-old what he would do if the local political candidate was a crook. "I would go out and demonstrate," he said. This was the wrong answer. The right answer would have been "I would go out and canvass for another candidate to oppose him."

The concept of democracy as protest can be seen in the names of many Palestinian groups, such as former Palestinian negotiator Dr. Haider Abdel-Shafi's Movement for Democracy which was established to protest the Oslo accords. Abdel-Shafi threatens to

boycott elections.

However, Burgan says, "You cannot really champion democracy from the outside." One of the great challenges is to define democracy in Islamic terms. "We try to look for examples in the Koran. One can find elements of democracy there. But there is a school of thought which rejects democracy as a western concept," he said.

However, even Hamas leaders have said publicly that while affirming Islamic values they would respect the democratic will of the people.

At the YWCA school, the student who expressed most interest in what was being said about democracy was one of only a handful wearing the traditional dress of the religious Moslem woman.

"In my opinion," she said emphatically, uncertain where all the talk of democracy was leading. "It is better to say you are not democratic than to preach it and not be it."

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● Early warning stations: Rabin has said he has no problem with promising the Syrians an early warning station in the Golan in return for retaining a station on the Golan. But so far, Syria rejects Israel retaining any sovereignty on the Golan.

Israel opposes the idea of relying on a third party, such as the US, to relay intelligence data from such a warning station on Mt. Hermon.

● Water: Israel wants to ensure that it retains access to the headwaters of the Jordan River.

● Lebanon: Rabin has made it clear that an arrangement with Syria - whereby Hizbullah is disarmed in southern Lebanon in exchange for an Israeli withdrawal from the security zone six to nine months later - is crucial to any deal.

One issue that will probably not block progress in the security arrangements talks is reducing the size of each country's standing army.

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He also said that security arrangements are only one area of disagreement with Damascus, and that a deal with Syria includes four components. "The first component is the peace border. There is no agreement between Syria and Israel on where the peace border will be. The second component is the duration of the withdrawal to that peace border, which has yet to be agreed upon, how many years it will take.

"The third component is the need to meet the normalization test over a number of years. That is, a symbolic withdrawal on the Golan Heights, and putting the Syrians to the test, vis-a-vis the need - after this withdrawal in the framework of the overall agreement - to implement normalization, i.e. an embassy in Damascus, borders open to the movement of people and goods. The fourth component is security procedures."

In December, the chiefs of staff of both countries held eight hours of talks on security arrangements in Washington. Syrian President Hafez Assad then scuttled the talks, believing Israel's position in those negotiations was too tough.

Before talks reconvene, US peace talks coordinator Dennis Ross is to visit the region next week, followed by Secretary of State Warren Christopher.

In an interview with Israel Television yesterday, Ross said Israel's freezing the land expropriations in Jerusalem had an "indirect" effect on the Israel-Syria agreement, since it had created a negative climate in the region.

Nordiques sold to COMSAT

MONTREAL (Renter) - COMSAT Corp., breaking the hearts of Quebec's devoted fans, announced yesterday it had bought the Quebec Nordiques hockey franchise for \$75 million and would move the club to Denver next season.

"We think the NHL is going to do great in Denver," Charlie Lyons, president of COMSAT Entertainment Group, said in a telephone conference call from the company's headquarters in Bethesda, Maryland.

Lyons said the Nordiques would join COMSAT's National Basketball Association franchise, the Denver Nuggets, for the 1996-97 season in the \$132 million Pepsi Center sports and entertainment complex being built in Denver.

In the meantime, the hockey club will play at Denver's McNichols Arena. Lyons said a new name for the team has not been chosen but will "reflect what Colorado is."

In Quebec, a dejected president and shareholder of the Nordiques, Marcel Aubut, said at a news conference that he and the team's five other shareholders had no choice but to sell the money-losing franchise after 23 years in the city.

Offers of financial assistance from the Quebec government were not enough to ensure the team's prosperity in Quebec, he said.

Ferguson gets three months in jail

GLASGOW (AP) - Everton striker Duncan Ferguson was sentenced to three months in jail yesterday for headbutting an opponent.

A few hours after the sentence was announced, Ferguson was released pending an appeal.

Ferguson, 23, pleaded guilty earlier this month to headbutting Raith Rovers defender John McStay during a Scottish Premier Division game at Ibrox on April 16, 1994. He was playing for Glasgow Rangers at the time.

The jail sentence was handed down at Glasgow Sheriff Court by Sheriff Alexander Eccles.

Ferguson took his sentence impassively, nodding momentarily and briefly putting his hands forward on to the rail of the dock.

Nothing that it was Ferguson's

third conviction, Eccles said he was jailing the player "both in the public interest" and to bring home to him that such behavior could not be tolerated. He noted that Ferguson was in a prominent position as a player looked up to by young people.

Ferguson's lawyer, Donald Findlay, argued that the player, had acted in the heat of the moment and had since matured. He said similar incidents in soccer had not resulted in criminal charges.

But Eccles called the incident a "serious offense and totally unacceptable behavior."

Ferguson has three previous convictions for assault. He escaped going to prison in September 1993 after an attack on a fisherman in an hotel.

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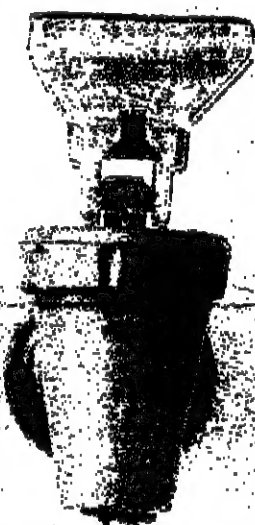
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Rockets up 2-0 on Spurs

SAN ANTONIO (Reuters) - Hakeem "The Dream" Olajuwon is becoming the San Antonio Spurs' worst nightmare.

Olajuwon poured in 41 points and pulled down 16 rebounds to lead the defending NBA champion Houston Rockets to a 106-96 victory over the San Antonio Spurs on Wednesday.

With consecutive road wins over the team that posted the best regular-season record in the league, Houston has taken a two games to none lead over San Antonio in the best-of-seven all-Texas Western Conference Finals.

Clyde Drexler scored 23 points and Robert Horry had 21 points on 5-of-9 shooting from 3-point range for the streaking Rockets, winners of five consecutive play-off games and four straight on the road.

The Rockets can close out the series at home with Games Three and Four today and Sunday in Houston. But Olajuwon said his team would not allow itself to become over-confident.

"We have to be careful, stay humble and be hungry," said the remarkable Houston center.

The winner of this series meets the winner of the Orlando-Indiana series in the NBA Finals. Orlando won the opening game in the East and hosted Game Two last night.

HOUSTON (106)

Horry 8-15 0-0 21, Olajuwon 18-31 5-6 41, Drexler 9-16 4-6 23, Smith 2-4 0-0 5, Elie 2-4 2-4 7, Cassell 2-6 2-4 7, Jones 0-0 0-0 0, Brown 1-2 0-0 2, Totals 42-80 13-18 106.
SAN ANTONIO (96)
Rodman 2-6 0-0 4, Elliott 4-12 3-13 12, Robinson 10-18 12-14 32, Johnson 3-8 0-0 6, Del Negro 2-5 0-0 4, Rivers 7-17 0-0 16, Person 3-7 0-7 18, Reid 3-8 2-8 8, Anderson 3-7 0-0 8, Cummings 0-0 1-2 1, Totals 37-86 16-21 96.
Houston 21 28 25 32 106
San Antonio 16 25 27 28 96
3-Point goals - Houston 9-19 (Horry 5-9, Smith 1-2, Elie 1-2, Drexler 1-3, Cassell 1-3), San Antonio 4-18 (Rivers 3, Person 1, Elliott 1-4, Rodman 0-3). Fouled out - None. Rebounds - Houston 52 (Olajuwon 16), San Antonio 44 (Robinson 12). Assists - Houston 31 (Elie, Cassell 7), San Antonio 21 (Elliott, Anderson 5). Total fouls - Houston 21, San Antonio 22. Technicals - Houston illegal defense, San Antonio illegal defense. A - 35,888 (34,215).



GIVEN THE RUNAROUND - Australia's Willie Ofahegaue (r) moves around South African Pieter du Randt during yesterday's opening game of the rugby World Cup. (AP)

S. Africa wins World Cup opener

CAPE TOWN (Reuters) - South Africa produced a performance worthy of the occasion to trounce defending champions Australia 27-18 in the opening match of the rugby World Cup at Newlands yesterday.

Watched by President Nelson Mandela and an almost disbelieving home crowd, the Springboks wrecked most pre-match forecasts with a vibrant display expertly marshaled by fly-half Joel Stransky.

Stransky contributed 22 of his side's points against a deeply disappointing Wallaby side which looked a pale imitation of the team which lifted the Webb Ellis Cup at Twickenham in 1991.

Few had given the Springboks any chance of beating a Wallaby side unbeaten in their previous nine Tests, but from the moment winger Pieter Hendriks scored their opening try after 36 minutes they dominated almost every aspect of the game.

Australia led briefly at 13-9 midway through the first half following a converted try and two penalties from captain Michael Lynagh, but failed to score again until hooker Phil Kearns managed a consolation try with 4 minutes left.

In between South Africa had a day to remember on a perfect, clear Cape afternoon, doing what no side had managed in the World Cup since 1987 when Australia was beaten by France in Sydney.

The opening exchanges were predictably tense, with Stransky and Lynagh twice swapping penalties, but the first sign that it might not be Australia's day had arrived as early as the 14th minute when Lynagh missed a penalty attempt from right in front of the posts.

The cover defense of both sides remained flawless for the first half hour, until Tim Gavin led an Australian forward charge deep into the South African 22. The Springboks were stretched for almost the first time and Lynagh had just enough space to dummy his way over the line.

The Wallaby skipper needed treatment before he could take the conversion but was still able to find the target to put his side 13-9 ahead in a contest which was soon to burst dramatically into life.

Stransky came within a couple of centimeters of scoring his side's first World Cup try on his home ground but South African supporters

did not have to wait much longer for the breakthrough.

Sensing the Wallabies could be as vulnerable as any side to swift handling, Stransky flung the ball wide and Hendriks, a late inclusion in the squad following the injury withdrawal of Chester Williams, left David Campese clutching at air to score in the left corner.

The explosion of delight amongst the 50,000 crowd would have lifted the roof off many stadiums and Williams, sitting on the steps of the press box, was left to ponder once more about life's unfairness.

The Wallabies' first-half performance had scarcely been the stuff of world champions and worse followed early in the second half. A composed Stransky kicked his fourth successful penalty and a simple drop goal as the Wallabies struggled increasingly to take the game out of their own half or, indeed, their own 22.

When Stransky cut inside to score after 62 minutes, the writing was truly on the wall and Kearns' late effort could not disguise a generally lacklustre display, one of the most disappointing of coach Bob Dwyer's stewardship.

Rangers in the hole as Flyers take 3-0 series lead

NEW YORK (Reuters) - The surging, young Philadelphia Flyers all but ended the reign of the New York Rangers as Stanley Cup champions Wednesday.

After consecutive overtime victories in Philadelphia, the Flyers came into a hostile Madison Square Garden and handed the Rangers a demoralizing 5-2 thumping to take a commanding three games to none lead in the best-of-seven Eastern Conference semifinal.

"We could have won either of the first two games. I have to say we couldn't have won this one. They completely dominated us," admitted New York coach Colin Campbell.

Philadelphia's Kevin Dineen scored two unassisted goals, Rod Brind'Amour had a goal and an assist and Ron Hextall made 32 saves for the Flyers, who raised their playoff mark to 7-1.

The Rangers now face the daunting task of having to win four straight playoff games to survive. Only two teams in National Hockey League history have come back to win a playoff series after trailing 3-0 - the 1942 Toronto Maple Leafs and the 1975 New York Islanders.

The Flyers are younger, stronger and appear far more hungry than the Rangers, who ended a 54-year title drought last season.

"(We're) a team that's young and inexperienced," said Kevin Haller, who scored the overtime game-winner in Game Two and added a short-handed tally Wednesday.

"But we're showing good poise and we're playing really hard and never quitting and we're pretty relaxed out there for a team that's less experienced."

Despite a huge advantage in post-season experience, once again mistakes in their own end hurt the Rangers badly.

Dineen opened the scoring at 2:54 of the first period when he

intercepted a bad cross-ice pass from New York defenseman Jeff Benkeboom at the blue line and beat Mike Richter with a slap shot.

With just 16 seconds left in the period Mikael Renberg beat Richter to make it 2-0. Just over three minutes into the second, Dineen made Richter look bad again for a 3-0 lead.

Brind'Amour tipped a Dimitri Yushkevich slap shot past Richter to make it 4-0 midway through the period and Glenn Healy replaced the shaky Richter in goal.

Mark Messier got the Rangers on the scoreboard at 13:00 of the second period with his 102nd career playoff goal, tying him with Jari Kurri for second place on the all-time list - eight post-season goals behind Wayne Gretzky.

But four minutes later, with the Rangers on a powerplay, New York's last gasp of hope was snuffed out by Haller's short-handed goal that made it 5-1.

Devils 5, Penguins 1
Bobby Holik and Randy McKay each had a goal and an assist and Martin Brodeur stopped 21 of 22 shots to lead the host Devils past the Penguins.

Claude Lemieux, John MacLean and Scott Niedermayer also scored for the Devils, who outshot Pittsburgh 45-22.

Pittsburgh's Ken Wregget put on a splendid display of goaltending during the scoreless first period when the Devils outshot his team 17-3.

"I was getting a little lonely. I was alone down there," joked Brodeur of the way his team carried the play.

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS

WEDNESDAY:
Philadelphia 5, N.Y. Rangers 2
Philadelphia leads series 3-0
New Jersey 5, Pittsburgh 1
New Jersey leads series 2-1
LAST NIGHT:
Chicago at Vancouver
Chicago leads series 2-0
Detroit at San Jose
Detroit leads series 2-0
TODAY:
Philadelphia at N.Y. Rangers
Pittsburgh at New Jersey
TOMORROW:
Chicago at Vancouver
Detroit at San Jose

Local soccer comes right down to the wire

DEREK FATTAL

THE most tantalizing soccer season in years ends this weekend. When the current campaign began last August, few would have thought that the issues of the championship, relegation and promotion affecting the National League and the Second Division would go right down to the wire - to be decided on the last day of the season.

Come tomorrow night, the ball of confusion that has reigned in recent weeks will become crystal clear.

At the top of the National League the title-dogfight between the two Mega-Macs - Maccabi Tel Aviv and outgoing champions, Maccabi Haifa - continues with two points separating the clubs and three points to play for. A win for table-topping Tel Aviv will clinch the trophy.

The story at the foot of the division is even more frantic, where six teams face a realistic prospect of filling the two relegation spots.

The heat is really on the two bottom clubs Maccabi Herzliya and Maccabi Netanya, which play each other and currently prop up the table a point ahead of their nearest rivals, Hapoel Be'er Sheva and Ironi Ashdod. Victory for either will spell doom for the other.

In fact the only matter so far settled in the top flight is Hapoel

Be'er Sheva's capture of third spot which should lead to a place in the UEFA Cup.

Maccabi Tel Aviv 60 pts goal difference +31

The leader holds its destiny in its own hands. Victory away to Hapoel Be'er Sheva will clinch the side's 17th league title. The only fly in the ointment is that Hapoel Be'er Sheva is unbeaten at home this season in the league. A draw will not be good enough if Maccabi Haifa wins due to the Tel Avivians' inferior goal difference.

If last week's 4-0 drubbing of Be'er Tel Aviv is anything to go by, Avraham Grant's side know how to grab the glittering prize, a place in the prestigious European Cup.

Maccabi Haifa 58 pts goal difference +35

Fans of the "Green Wave" will be praying for Tel Aviv to slip up. The Haifaies look to have the easier opponent - relegation struggler Hapoel Be'er Sheva. If Maccabi Tel Aviv fails to win, the current champions look set to complete a successful defense of their title.

Maccabi Herzliya 30 pts goal difference -20
Maccabi Netanya 30 pts goal difference -16

The fate of the two sides no longer rest entirely in their own hands. If both Hapoel Be'er Sheva and Ironi Ashdod win and Hapoel Haifa draw, the Herzliya-Netanya meeting will turn into a funeral wake and the two Sharon sides will sink a division.

On the other hand, should the two sides draw and Be'er Sheva lose, Netanya will survive on goal difference and the Herzliya will play in the

Second Division along with Be'er Sheva's next season.

Beit She'an 31 pts goal difference -21

Beit She'an is in deep trouble, with the toughest fixture of the weekend and the worst goal difference in the National League. Maccabi Haifa's players are unlikely to take any prisoners in their bid for the title. Anything less than an away win will spell the end of Beit She'an's brief flirtation with life at the top.

Ironi Ashdod 31 pts goal difference -10

Ashdod will be assured of more National League soccer in the coming campaign if it can beat Maccabi Petah Tikva. A draw will also suffice if Beit She'an loses.

Defeat for Ashdod will lead to relegation if Beit She'an is not defeated and the match between the bottom two is not drawn.

Hapoel Haifa 32 pts goal difference -6

Despite the millions of shekels pumped in by Rubie Shapiro, Hapoel can still go down if defeated by Hapoel Petah Tikva and three of the four clubs below them end the season on a winning note.

Beit Tel Aviv 33 pts goal difference -17

A point at home to Be'er Yehuda will guarantee another year in the National League. The Beitaris will be relegated if Hapoel Haifa draws and three of the four clubs below Haifa win. If one of those winners is Herzliya then goal difference will determine if Herzliya or Be'er goes down.

While Second Division leader Maccabi Jaffa made certain of the division's title several weeks ago the second promotion spot is still anyone's

guess. Hapoel Kfar Sava, Hakoah Ramat Gan, Hapoel Bat Yam and Hapoel Taibe all have a fighting chance, and even sixth-placed Maccabi Kiryat Gat could go up if it can manage a six-goal blitz and all above falter.

That said, the two favorites are Hapoel Kfar Sava (away to mid-table Maccabi Yotzo) and Hakoah Ramat Gan (hosting Hapoel Jerusalem). The two sides are on equal points so goal difference could play a critical part with Kfar Sava seven goals better of the Hakoah.

At the bottom, a draw will be enough to save Shimshon Tel Aviv (35 points) against Hapoel Lod, while a win will secure another season in the Second Division for Hapoel Hadera (33 points). Below them nothing but victory can possibly bring salvation for Hapoel Ashkelon and Hapoel Lod (32 points each).

This weekend's top league fixtures (kick-off 6 p.m., television unless stated, first round results in brackets):
NATIONAL LEAGUE:

Be'er Tel Aviv v. Be'er Yehuda, (3-2), National Stadium, Ramat Gan; Hapoel Tel Aviv v. Ironi Ashdod, (0-1), Bloomfield, Zefririm Holon v. Be'er Jerusalem, (1-0), Holon, today, 5 p.m.; Hapoel Petah Tikva v. Hapoel Haifa, (0-2), Petah Tikva, today, 4:30 p.m.; Maccabi Haifa v. Hapoel Be'er Sheva, (2-2), Kiryat Eliezer, Maccabi Netanya v. Maccabi Herzliya, (0-2), Netanya, 5 p.m.; Ironi Ashdod v. Maccabi Petah Tikva, (1-1), Ashdod; Hapoel Be'er Sheva v. Maccabi Tel Aviv, (0-1), Be'er Sheva.

SECOND DIVISION:

Maccabi Jaffa v. Hapoel Bat Yam, 5 p.m.; Maccabi Yotzo v. Hapoel Taibe, today, 5 p.m.; Hakoah Ramat Gan v. Hapoel Jerusalem, today, 4:30 p.m.; Maccabi Kiryat Gat v. Hapoel Ashkelon, today, 4:30 p.m.; Shimshon Tel Aviv v. Hapoel Lod, 5 p.m.; Hapoel Hadera v. Hapoel Kiryat Shmona, today, 4:30 p.m.; Hapoel Ashdod v. Hapoel Ramat Gan, today, 4:30 p.m.; Ness Ziona v. Hapoel Kfar Sava, 5 p.m.

Rangers, White Sox play longest doubleheader ever

CHICAGO (AP) - Benji Gil capped a seven-run third inning with a three-run homer Wednesday night, and the Texas Rangers beat the Chicago White Sox 13-6 to salvage a split of the longest 18-inning doubleheader in major league history.

The White Sox captured the opener 10-3 by scoring five runs in the bottom of the eighth, with John Kruk, in his Chicago debut, driving in the go-ahead run with a bases-loaded walk, one of 32 walks in the two games.

The 7-hour, 39-minute twinbill was the longest 18-inning doubleheader ever, surpassing the 6

hours, 50 minutes by Detroit and Kansas City on July 23, 1961.

Chicago pitchers walked eight in the 3-hour, 39-minute second game and nine in the rainy 4-hour, 1-minute opener. Texas gave up 15 walks in the doubleheader, eight in the opener. There were also eight wild pitches in the two games.

In the second game, Chicago starter Alex Fernandez (2-3) gave up eight runs and walked four in 2 1/2 innings.

In the opener, Kruk, making his White Sox debut, drew a go-ahead bases loaded walk in a five-run, eighth-inning rally.

WEDNESDAY'S AL RESULTS:

Chicago 10, Texas 3 (Lyn)
Montreal 3, San Diego 2
Philadelphia 2, San Francisco 1
Cincinnati 4, Houston 2
Florida at Pittsburgh (ppd, rain)
Atlanta 9, St. Louis 5
Los Angeles 5, New York 0

WEDNESDAY'S NL RESULTS:

Chicago 10, Texas 3 (Lyn)
Texas 13, Chicago 6 (Rad)
Milwaukee 7, Cleveland 3
Detroit 14, Minnesota 3
Kansas City 8, Toronto 5
Seattle 15, Boston 6
Oakland 5, Baltimore 3
California 3, New York 1

Lara spurs Windies to victory

NOTTINGHAM (Reuters) - Brian Lara gave England a taste of what may be in store for it this season with a stroked-filled 70 as West Indies won the first one-day international by five wickets yesterday.

Lara and opener Sherwin Campbell, who batted impressively for 80, shared a second wicket partnership of 113 to ensure the touring team of a comfortable victory after rain had curtailed play on Wednesday.

West Indies, which resumed on 76 for one from 19.5 overs in pursuit of England's 199 for nine, completed its task at 201 for five with 14 balls left in its 55 overs.

Lara made his runs from 95 deliveries before falling to pacerman Darren Gough, the first of four wickets to go for just 15 as England jolted West Indies' otherwise smooth progress to its target.

The two teams meet at The

Oval today for the second of three limited overs matches, the prelude to their six-Test series starting at Headingley on June 8. Campbell and Lara, resuming in sunny conditions and on a Trent Bridge pitch still relatively slow, gathered runs almost at will against Gough and fellow pace bowler Dominic Cork, then from the off-spin of Shaun Udal and Graeme Hick.

"We were probably 30 runs short of what we needed," English captain Mike Atherton said.

England 199-9 (batting closed)

(A. Stewart 74)

(overnight 76-1 off 19.5 overs)

C. Hooper b Cork 34

S. Campbell run out 30

B. Lara c Atherton b Gough 70

R. Richardson c DeFreitas b Gough 70

J. Adams lbw b Cork 2

K. Atherton not out 7

J. Murray not out 1

Extras (lb-w 4 nb-1) 8

Total (for five wickets, 52.4 overs) 199

Fall of wickets: 1-28 2-120 3-183 4-191 5-194

Did not bat: C. Ambrose, C. Walsh, L. Bishop, W. Benjamin

Bowling: DeFreitas 10.4-1-44-0, Fraser 10-2-29-0, Gough 11-1-39-2, Cork 11-0-49-2, Udal 8-0-37-0, Hick 2-0-12-0

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Heat wave was worst in 40 years

DAVID RUDGE, JUDY SIEGEL, and Nim

THIS week's heat wave was the worst in 40 years, the Meteorological Service said yesterday.

From Monday to Wednesday abnormally high temperatures of 37-38°C were recorded in the northern and central hilly districts and 43°C in the northern valley areas.

The high temperatures of 27-28°C recorded at night in the mountains broke all records kept since the 1940s.

The coastal areas and the Negev were not heavily hit by the heat wave.

In a heat-related mishap, a 20-year-old woman who fell asleep on Rishon LeZion beach this week was hospitalized with first-degree burns on more than 75 percent of her body. The young woman - a redhead with sensitive, light skin - was treated at Assaf Harofeh Hospital in Tzrifin.

Dr. Avshalom Shalom, a plastic surgeon at Assaf Harofeh, said 30 minutes of direct sunlight is enough to cause first-degree burns in people with sensitive skin.

Farmers, meanwhile, are pressing the Agriculture Ministry to declare a natural disaster over the death of thousands of chickens - 18,000 at one Beit She'an

Valley kibbutz alone - as a result of the heat wave.

The Farmers Federation said the unprecedented heat on Tuesday and Wednesday caused extensive damage.

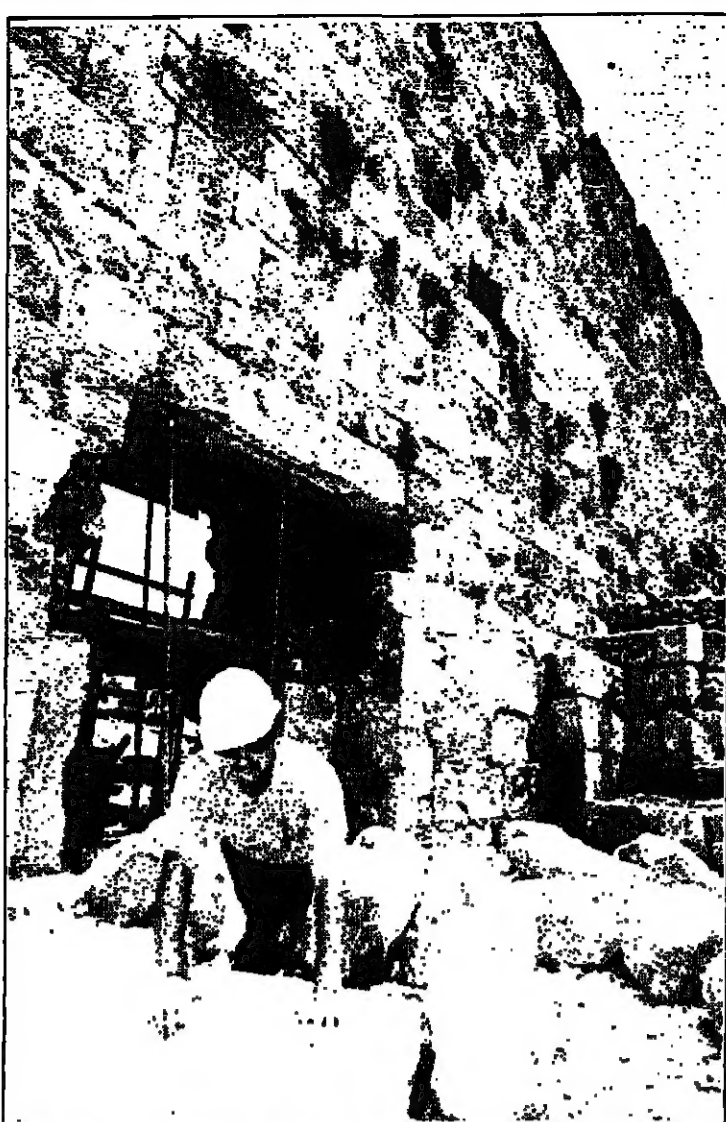
The Agriculture Ministry's special natural disaster insurance fund received more than 400 reports of damage to fruit and vegetables and livestock as a result of the heat wave.

Among the hardest hit was Kibbutz Beit Alpha in the Beit She'an Valley, where temperatures at the height of the *sharav* hit 47°C.

Thousands of other chickens and turkeys suffocated because of the heat at kibbutzim and moshavim in the northern valleys, Upper Galilee, and other parts of the North, despite efforts by breeders to cool them down by spraying them and their sheds with water.

Cattle breeders on the Golan faced another problem with the loss of thousands of dunams of grazing land to extensive brushfires.

Meanwhile, the Nature Reserves Authority said live-fire training exercises by the IDF were one of the main causes of fires, especially those on the Golan and in parts of the North.



Visitors to Jerusalem's Old City will soon be able to enter via this 13th century gatehouse, built by the family of Saladin, which was reopened yesterday. The gate, 25 meters west of the Dung Gate, was sealed in the 16th century by the Ottoman conquerors of Jerusalem. (Brian Headler)

Expanded Supreme Court to rehear Nahmani case

IN an unusual move, Supreme Court President Meir Shamgar yesterday ordered that the Nahmani fertility case be reheard by a panel of nine justices.

On March 30, a panel of five justices had ruled 4-1 that Dani Nahmani had the right to prevent his ex-wife Ruti from using eggs fertilized *in vitro* with his sperm to produce a baby. She intended to have the eggs implanted in a surrogate mother in the US, but before this could be done, the couple divorced. Dani remarried and had a child, and denied Ruti permission to use the eggs, saying he was no longer interested in having a child by her.

Ruti then asked for another hearing.

In granting her request, Shamgar said that given the novelty of the issue, which arises out of the rapid advances in science and technology in this generation, questions of principle the case raises deserve a hearing before an expanded panel of justices.

The rehearing will not be conducted in the presence of the parties, who will present written briefs, which the justices will study before their deliberations.

The principle issues are said to be: Was Dani Nahmani's original agreement to the process valid for the complete process, or does each stage of the process require the renewed agreement of both parties; and should fertilized eggs be defined as "alive" and thus be given judicial standing? (Itim)

Ministry seeks to shut Haifa pipeline

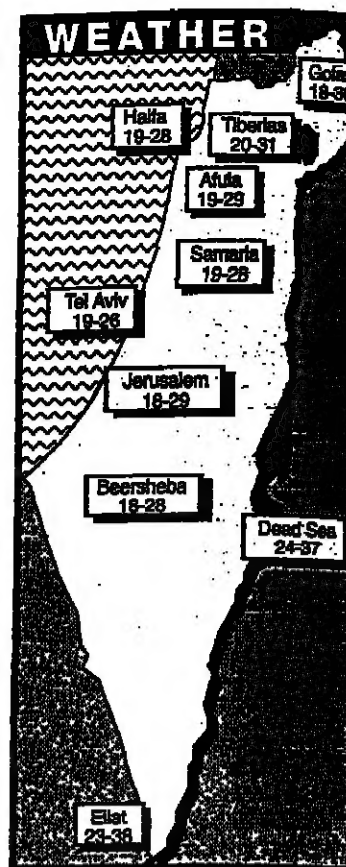
DAVID RUDGE

THE Environment Ministry has petitioned the Haifa Magistrate's Court for an injunction to temporarily close a pipeline carrying gasoline and other petroleum products, which runs under residential areas of the city.

The move follows a resumption, on the instructions of Energy Minister Gonen Segov, of the operation of the pipeline, which conveys gasoline, kerosene, and diesel fuel from Haifa to Ashdod.

The ministry said in its petition that the renewed use of the pipeline, after it was closed for six months because of a leak which led to the evacuation of junior high school in Haifa's Neveve Sha'an district, had not been coordinated with the appropriate authorities.

The ministry noted in its petition that a detailed report ordered by the Haifa Municipality in 1990, before the leak occurred, had shown that the pipeline posed a potential danger to residents.



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Nuncio: I was misquoted on intolerance in Israel

HAIM SHAPIRO

AN apparent diplomatic incident between Israel and the Vatican evaporated yesterday, after the papal nuncio said he was misquoted by an Italian newspaper, which said he had made very harsh comments about Israel.

Msgr. Andrea Cordero Lanza

de Montezemolo had been quoted by *Corriere della Sera* as saying that intolerance and hostility toward all non-Jews is increasing among Israelis. He was also quoted as saying that Israelis

could not ask the Catholic Church to condemn antisemitism, then do nothing against local anti-Christian sentiment.

Montezemolo reportedly made the comments following Monday's shooting spree by a soldier on St. Anthony's Church in Jaffa. He said he does feel there has been a recent increase in anti-Christian incidents, but these were individual acts, not reflections of Israeli society.

He cited the attacks on the Jaffa church and the earlier attack, apparently by the same person, on the Church of Mary Magdalene in Gethsemane, as well as the shooting of a priest on the way to the church.

"Religious Affairs Minister Shimon Shetret said that we need education for tolerance and I agreed with him," Montezemolo said. He denied outright saying that Israel could not ask the Church to condemn antisemitism.

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